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## Life on the Planets.

HARRY E. MILLER, '99.

We know much concerning the perpetuation of life, and we know a few things concerning the beginnings of existence; but of the *genesis* of life we know absolutely nothing, save, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit." "Let the earth bring forth the living creature;" and finally, "Let us make man in our own image."

Since, therefore, we know nothing of the origin of life, even on our planet, it is utter folly to conjecture concerning the origin of life on our sidereal neighbors.

But we may suppose that the Creator was not partial to our planet, and that he placed the possibilities for the beginning of life on other planets.

This supposition, however, might be denied.

Now the beginning of life on the earth is a reality, else we had none, and therefore no life; and the earth is not likely an exception among the heavenly bodies, it has not received the least privilege, for it re-

volves, experiences light, darkness, cold, heat and other planetary phenomena in like manner with the other known planets. And among the members of this sidereal family, this is not the important one by any means; for, Jupiter and Saturn are each very many times greater; and, if the "Nebular Hypothesis" shall hold its place, there are other planets whose existence must date back millions of years; hence we think of the earth as third youngest.

Now when we remember that the earth is neither the oldest; nor yet indeed the youngest of the planets, and withal has life on it, whence is the reason to doubt that there is a possibility of life on the other planets, say the oldest, or perchance the youngest; Mars or, our other next neighbor, Venus.

Again, does it not seem to be the greatest absurdity, and is it not the most selfish sentiment, for us poor mortals, who exist only a few seconds of this planetary existence, to imagine that we are the only creatures who live to enjoy the handiwork of the Creator, and when the great day of *revelation*

comes, and the good of the earth are transported (and the evil also), that this entire universe would be abandoned, and exist to God, who made it, like a haunted house after it has long enjoyed vacation.

Suppose you permit your imagination to act freely. Occupy a position from which you can embrace a view of the whole solar system; forget that you are a member of the terrestrial family; be altogether immovable by the suggestions that come to you because of your earthly origin; forget even that the planet, third in distance from the sun, is called earth; forget all you ever knew concerning life as it here exists and give yourself over to the study of the globes which circle round and round the light-giving orb.

If then you would suspect life and inhabitation; or if you imagined that the great God had occupied a position as you are occupying, and from there selected the globe or globes upon which he desired to place creatures who would enjoy his creations and honor him as "Lord of all." Upon which of the brilliant bodies, that we see speeding through the heavens, would you place the probability of inhabitation?

Which planet would you imagine the Diety to have selected?

Would you be able to conclude that the little planet which we call earth, that insignificant existence among such splendors as Jupiter

and Saturn, is the only abode of life?

If you will admit the absurdity of such a conclusion, let us change our position.

Occupying now our own home, scan the heavens, examine all that is subject to examination; accept and defend the calculations of the experts. Where is the mind that will say, that in so far as life is concerned, earth is unique.

Shall we conclude that the earth is thus unique because we cannot see life on Mars or Venus? Shall we believe that we only live to view the splendors of the heavens because we are not visionally certain that there is a "man in the moon," or intelligence on the planets?

This is a conclusion far too narrow; yet this conclusion lives.

Suppose a man existed on a narrow island in the midst of a great sea, his eyes never saw other life; from a lofty mountain top he may have seen the continents, but he could not see the hustling hurrying men on the shores. The very natural conclusion of that man would be—

"I am monarch of all I survey

My right there is none to dispute." But the conclusion would be incorrect, for the homes are legion and the souls multi-legion who dash about on the continents. Even the king, who holds the sceptre of control of the island may be unknown to the lonely man and he rests with the fond thought that he alone lives

for God and God exists for him alone; as this is absurd, so is the former position absurd.

How vain then would it be for us to oppose, by means of our sciences, the possibility of the origin of life to have extended beyond our domain; our normal intelligence wars against such folly.

Of course, we are not absolutely certain of the certainty of ultra-terrestrial inhabitation now, but we must believe that the possibility of life beginning was not denied the other planets.

The question for us then is, Do the planets show a condition favorable to the maintainance and perpetuity of life?

For the faithful consideration of this we must admit,

1. All that has been discovered concerning the maintainance of life terrestrial.

2. Comparison from and to these discoveries.

The earth-life is three-fold: animal, vegetable and mineral. The highest type is the animal life, and the condition for the perpetuity of this higher life is the preservation of the body which is the seat of life; and to preserve the body, there must be vegetable and mineral life, both of which are dependent upon sunlight and heat, atmosphere and water; these latter conditions, we are told, exist on every planet; the sun pours forth light and heat and years, months and days succeed each other drawing with them the

seasons which from time to time support the conditions of existence. All, that is thus learned, compares favorably with the conditions of life perpetuity on the earth.

What does the mind that is skeptical respecting this doctrine, suppose to have been the design of the Creator, when he caused Mars to come into existence with waters and with snows that melt each spring and send the resulting waters to fertilize the continents?

Why did he create the clouds of Jupiter which spread shade and refreshing showers over its broad surface? Why did he give an atmosphere to Venus?

How can it be possible any mind to believe that giant solitude is the chief sovereign of the vastness of the earth's likeness? or that the magnificent and splendid worlds which float afar from us in the heavens, were given over to stern loneliness? and that if death in great fury would annihilate the terrestrial family, the perfect and beautiful system of worlds would roll in space in a condition like unto the Dead Sea.

And now in the language of Flammarion,—“Ah, if our sight was piercing enough to discover, where we only see brilliant points on the black back-ground of the sky, resplendent suns, which revolve in the expanse, and the inhabited worlds which follow them in their path, if it were given to us to embrace in a general way these myriads of fire-based systems; and

if, advancing with the velocity of light we could traverse from century to century, this unlimited number of suns and spheres, without ever meeting any limit to this prodigious immensity where God brings forth worlds and beings; looking behind, but no longer knowing in what part of the infinite to find this grain of dust called the Earth, we should stop fascinated and confounded by such a spectacle, and uniting our voice to the concert of universal nature, we should say from the depths of our soul: Almighty God! how senseless we were to believe that there was nothing beyond the earth and that one abode alone possessed the privilege of reflecting thy greatness and power."

From these several hypotheses and observations there spring two conclusions:

1. Every planet had life beginning.
2. Some planets are favorable to life perpetuity.



#### Idealizing the Real.

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ALMA MAE LIGHT, '99.

A little more than two centuries ago, in a town in southern Spain there sat in his studio an artist giving the world a beautiful lesson—painting for it an uplifting picture. In work, which represents the interior of a convent kitchen, the ordinary tasks are being performed by angels who are gracefully lifting

a pail of water, quietly placing plates on a shelf, or serenely putting kettles on the fire; and a little cherub is in the way trying to be useful.

The artist is Murillo, and as we stand and gaze upon his splendid strokes, we must discover his power to idealize the real. He shows that in the midst of the most homely and menial tasks there may be beauty and sweetness.

All true artists take the ordinary things of earth and make of them that which is heavenly. The potter takes the clay under his feet and forms beautiful images; the painter with his brush produces an arrangement of colors which speaks of marvelous grandeur; the sculptor takes the rude block of marble and changes it into forms of grace and loveliness.

The painter, the potter, the sculptor, the architect and the poet and orator, each in his own way is ever striving to present under sensible forms, the ideal of a more perfect loveliness and excellence than the actual world affords.

But this ideal can never be adequately and fully represented for the perfection of beauty dwells alone with God.

And while the tendency to make that which is beautiful out of the common-place—to idealize the real, is thus seen upon the part of those who are classified in encyclopedias and biographical dictionaries as artists, it is manifest in a more marked degree in the actions of

those who are the *truly great artists*—those who paint splendid life pictures, those who take the rude, rough bits of experience that come to them and circle around them a halo of glory—those who so grandly live through the dark hours of an ordinary day as to make it bright with the sunshine of a happy Easter—those who find in the very clods which cumber their feet the beautiful flowers that lie dormant therein. *He* idealizes his real life as he works upward toward the realization of his ideal.

Every man whose efforts will ever accomplish anything, has before him an ideal which he hopes to realize. As he takes each step towards this end he finds his ideal always growing, and that it and the real can *never* be one. Shall he then, allow his ideal to cease to be the object of his efforts? *No, never give up,* As F. B. Meyer has said: "If you fall, fall with your face still toward your ideal. Like the brave Scot, fling the heart of the Bruce forward into the battle and follow. The cliff towers far away into the blue, and you may have tried many paths to scale it, in vain, but there is a path that other men have trodden and succeeded. *Never rest till you have found it and stand victorious.*"

Some one has beautifully said: "We may not realize our ideals but we may idealize the real." We may do our very best and thus idealize the real life. The rail maker who on being asked the

secret of his success, said, "We have no secrets; we always try to beat our last batch of rails," certainly was an example for every man.

The perfect ideal is universal and must be God's creation. Circumstances vary so much that the ideal of man's creation, though seemingly perfect one day, may be so completely changed in another as to be a very faulty aim. Doing our best and adapting ourselves to circumstances—idealizing the real—may be considered the most certain means of accomplishing the best results in life.

As we mark Murillo's masterpieces let us note that it is a home he portrays in which each member makes the best use of his advantages, working harmoniously, thus making it a blessing to every one.

Such a condition is possible in every household. Instead of the discord existing in many so-called homes, there could be peace and joy if each member of the family strove to idealize the real, tried to throw into gloomy conditions, gladness; into disquiet, rest; into despondency, hope.

The same is true of the school room. In it the greatest progress is attained when the aim is to do each day the very best work possible under the circumstances; to discover amid dirty slates and ink stained tablets an insight into the temple of learning, to recognize behind the soiled hands and begrimed faces of little urchins the

splendid possibilities of manhood and womanhood and to strive to work them out with the finest touch and finish.

Passing from these two all important factors of the world's civilization—the home and school room—to the community and country at large we discover the need of idealizing the real to be as great as in the limited spheres. An idealization is reached only as noble men mould out of present existences, future splendor and greatness only as master hands seize existing circumstances and shape glorious developments from them. The mere politician has a groveling ideal for which he works. But the statesman idealizes the real state of affairs and he is the one who is sought as a leader of the nation by the patriot.

And so in a variety of lines there is a need of learning to make the most and best of what is, rather than murmuring about what is not.

To every one in every sphere, however dull and prosaic the life may seem, however limited the opportunities may be, there comes the opportunity of idealizing the real. In the midst of it all you may pass as noble a life as in a palace with the noblest souls if you will but *grasp* this opportunity of idealizing the real. For "life does not consist of what we have or know or do, in the people around us, or the drapery by which bare facts of existence are veiled, *but in in what we are.*"

Shall we not then strive constantly to idealize the real? And thus fit ourselves for the realization of our ideal, which can be only when we "awake in His likeness."

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Youth, an Index.

GALEN D. LIGHT.

The making of the material universe required but one of the smaller gods and the peopling of it, a common angel; yet the united efforts of all the deities of the pantheon were necessitated for the making of youth and a thousand years of controversy before its presence on the earth was granted,—uniting because it is extraordinary, and hesitating because of its dangers. True, this is but an oriental legend, yet the mighty prerogatives and perils of youth are recognized by it—characteristics, significant not more in their relation to the present than as heralds of manhood and womanhood. No institution has sprung into the realm of existence but had its harbingers and surely the institutions of the several periods through which man passes in the progression of life forms no exception. As the dawn marks the fading away of the midnight shades and the gradual advance of the noonday splendor, likewise does youth indicate the retreating of the purity, passiveness, and innocence of infancy and the approach of sinfulness, activity and responsibility. Youth is manhood's and woman-

hood's period of preparation, their index, their father. This forerunner of the adult period engraves deeply and distinctly upon the tablet of the mind moral or immoral, religious or irreligious, principles and clearly does the moral seer recognize in these inscriptions the future man or woman. As youth keeps pure or defiles the body—the temple of the living God—so manhood's and womanhood's heritage will be accordingly for nature will reward. Youth as a mighty potentate wields its silken, or iron sceptre of habits as the latter are good or bad, and the future periods of life must yield; it chooses the vocation, home, companion, friends and literature for coming years. Youth, indeed, is the architect of character, and though the follies of early life may be wrenched by the grace of God in later years, the shadows of youth have been cast. The law of cause and consequence is indelibly stamped upon all nature, and as the botanist recognizes in the tiny embryo the future plant, so does nature's student perceive in youth the sphere of later life. The indexes of youth are as varied and numerous as there are individuals. Since youth is an index of the representatives of the home, society and the nation it is an index of the latter. It is the antecedent of civilization. Educate the young and the nation will be crowned with Hellenic honors; develop a fine physique and the ominous clouds of warfare will be

deprived of their honor; instil moral and religious principles and the King of Nations will bestow his approbation. National character is but a reflection of the education of its youth and differs from other nations as the latter varies. Public opinion springs from principles impressed in early life and laws are but the reflex of these. The triumph of Cromwell over Charles I when engaged as youths in a quarrel, over a playful sport was regarded as a bad prestige for the future monarch when he and the future protector, as generals of armies, opposed each other in war and true it proved. The conquering armies of the past have been armies of youths, determining the destiny of nations. "The history of heroes is the history of youth." Wisely is the church laying hold of the enthusiasm and strength of youth to give vitality to her organization. The Christian organizations of millions of young people are a good index of the progress and influence of the church and her ultimate triumph. In inaugurating great reforms, the Teacher of Teachers recognized the power of youth when "he called the youthful James and John to his work and left the aged Zebedee; the young and enthusiastic Saul and passed by the venerable Gamaliel; and the ardent Luther and passed by the aged Staupitz." Says some one "The blood of the martyrs proved to be the seed of the church" and now the blood of

the young people may be said to be the life of the church. Yea, is not all of the present life but a period of youth and an index of the life beyond the grave? Great is the power and responsibility of youth for it is an age of decision. Upon the face of its great clock, ever true, is indicated the future and within it swings the pendulum of destiny.



### From Earth to Sky.

CAROLINE D. SELTZER, '99.

This is an age of progress, and of all the arts music has made the greatest universal strides. Universal because it permeates all corners of existence, for wherever man is found, there will be music in some form or other.

Purity, power and passion, were in the souls of the ancients but they were unable to express those emotions in music. At the present time, with the deepening and ever increasing development of the mental powers, music has kept pace. "Music," said Franz Liszt, "is never stationary; successive forms and styles are like so many resting places—like tents pitched and taken down again on the road to the ideal."

The earliest forms were very simple, the range of tones which they employed, narrow.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,  
But we built the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to its summit round by  
round."

So from time to time more and more tones were added until we have the music of today, but the end is by no means yet attained, we are still climbing the ladder striving to reach the ideal.

One writer says, "No art is exercising such a strong influence on the human race at present as the art of music. It has become so thoroughly a part of our existence that we rarely pause to consider to what extent we are enveloped in sweet sounds or how irremediably its loss would be to us." It has become an important element of modern culture, a subject about which few cultured people desire to be considered ignorant. Music is making progress because many more are able to render good music well and many more are learning to appreciate it than in times past.

Tinkling sounds have had their day, it is good music and plenty of it which the people of today want. In the desire to improve our musical taste we must be careful to avoid trash. The lighter music appeals to and excites only the senses, while classical music appeals to the mind and heart, scientifically it makes demands on the intellect.

In order to comprehend its meaning one must have a certain degree of mental capacity. Then we must not think music is good just because it is difficult, or trash when it is only a simple composition. A singer who in an artistic manner renders a simple ballad is far better than a conductor who attempts an

oratorio beyond his capabilities, only to completely murder it. "Home, Sweet Home," when sung by Patti as she alone can sing it, did more to make her popular than any thing else she has ever sung.

Confucius said one hundred years before Plato, "Would'st thou know if a people be well governed, if its manners be good or bad, examine the music it practices." Perhaps he already realized that a nations characteristics are mirrored in its music. If we examine the history of music in this country we can well see the force of this saying. It had its origin in the stern and prosaic Puritans and Pilgrims, then musical activity was confined to psalmody, directed rather by art than religious impulses. For nearly two centuries the study of the music of our country is simply the study of psalmody in its various stages, until Lowell Mason gave it new object and direction. It is well worth noting in this connection that the war songs which were the most popular and lasting were those which possessed the greatest merit from a critical point of view. There never has been such "limitless riches of means of expression" as at the present day and never has music appealed to so large a class of people. It has become a necessity in our school, in fact at all gatherings music is a prominent feature. Concerts and operas are patronized night after night, year after year, by thousands with ever increasing attraction. Much credit

is due the conductors of orchestras for this advancement in music, but above all praise is due the large army of teachers who instil into their pupils the love of the good and beautiful in music.

Is it strange that this art above all others should make such gigantic strides? Ah no! It is the art which was born in heaven, "the language spoken by the angels," as Longfellow beautifully expresses it. Perhaps Marie Corelli thought of this when she made her dreamy Feraz surmise, "The first strains of the glorious 'Tannhauser' may have been played on the harps of heaven, and rolling sweetly through space, may have touched in far echoes the brain of the musician who afterward gave it form and utterance."

A heavenly choir heralded the birth of our Savior and in song we will render our praises in the world to come. And still progress goes rolling onward steadily and rapidly as before. The possibilities are many.

"In every atom lies a song,  
Could we but disenthral it."

## X

Boys in room,  
Deck of cards,  
President came,  
Boys in shame.

## X

Ask Harry if it isn't very unpleasant to have flour thrown over you when you are hugging your best girl.

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### Opening—Winter Term.

At this writing, the Winter Term is opening briskly with about fifteen new students, and all the old ones returned, or returning. Some of the students had taken advantage of the vacation to get their share of la grippe and be done with it; others had abandoned themselves to Christmas sweet-meats and holiday sport, and still others reported a quiet time with no skating nor sleighing.

Most of the students assembled in the Chapel at the time of opening, Tuesday, 10 a. m. Professors and students joined in singing "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," which was followed with Scripture reading and prayer by our College

pastor, Rev. D. S. Eshelman. The President then addressed a few words of welcome to the students, wishing them all a Happy and successful New Year, and lessons were assigned for the following day.

Wednesday morning brought almost the entire student body to the chapel service. At the conclusion of the devotional exercises, our President, Dr. Roop, spoke somewhat as follows: As your motto for the New Year, I will give you three sentences, each two words long,—the noblest, wisest and best sentences that have come into this world. The first sentence is in Greek,—it is "Know thyself;" the second is in Latin,—Control thyself;" the third sentence is Christian,—and is "Deny thyself." Socrates said the first; Marcus Aurelius said the second, and Jesus Christ said the third. They are arranged in their proper order as given. The President spoke of the necessity of knowing self,—where strong, where weak, where mediocre, where common-place. Remember for what you are here, principally to study. Few crimes are worse than waste of time.

Let principles of Christian manhood and womanhood control you. Be men, be women. There are many things beyond our control. But man can and should control himself. It is disgusting to see a man lie down at the feet of every vice that tempts him. Be careful of your money. Be careful of the associations you form. Form no

associations here which you would not under the eye of your parents. Control your habits, your dispositions. When Jesus said deny self, he did not mean that you should deny the real self, the true self, but deny the base, the selfish self. Proper self-denial results in elevating and ennobling the whole man. Be kind and courteous to one another. Think on these things. These words came from a warm heart, and will be a stimulus to all who heard them.

Regular work was begun to-day, each of the professors outlining the subjects and giving preliminary explanations.

The students are here for work and on the whole are truly in earnest. Good results may be expected.

The enrollment for the collegiate year '98 and '99, in all departments, to-day is two hundred and five (205). We know of others who are coming. The success of the past term has been great. It is the purpose of teachers and students to make the present term even more successful. To realize it, we need the co-operation and prayers of the whole church.



#### **Y. W. C. A.**

ANNA S. MYERS, '99.

Mrs. Nellie Lowrey, our College Secretary, visited the association at the beginning of the Fall Term. She met the different committees, giving them plans and suggestions

concerning their work, which proved helpful to us.

The object of the Y. W. C. A. is to uplift the womanhood of our land, for by the womanhood of our country we can, in a large measure judge the character of our citizens.

A number of new girls have joined our association and, it is our aim to make it as pleasant as possible for them in order that they may enjoy their stay with us. When new students enter College we ask them to join our literary society, why not ask them *first* to join our association, then the literary society, it is as important to educate the heart as it is to educate the mind.

The Y. W. C. A. should have a warm friend in every young woman. The strong appeal of this organization should come with so much force to every young lady at Lebanon Valley College that not one would hesitate in joining our association.



#### **Y. M. C. A. Notes.**

The last meeting of the Y. M. C. A. for the Fall term was held December 18. The subject "Glad Tidings" was thoroughly discussed by many of the members each one looking forward to a pleasant Christmas tide.

On Sunday, December 4, a very excellent joint meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. was

held in the College Chapel. These joint meetings are held regularly on the last Sunday of each month and are known as missionary meetings. They are *always* interesting but the last was *especially* so, as the biographies of our fallen heroes in Africa, were discussed by various members of the associations.

Doubtless many useful lessons were gained from the history of lives so precious and so glorious as those of the recently massacred missionaries.

Messrs. A. E. Shroyer and D. M. Oyer were the representatives to the seventh district convention held at Shippensburg, December 2-4. From the report given we find our association to be up to the average college associations. We are glad to know that such is the case but why not endeavor to make it even *better* than the average?



#### Motive in Education.

I. W. HUNTZBERGER, '99.

For every effect there is a corresponding cause. Man's acts are but effects, and for each deed there is a moving cause or reason. This cause or reason we term motive. As we reason from effect to cause so we reason from action to motive. It is only by the action of a man that we can judge of his motive. Let us very briefly consider what some of these motives are and how we may educate them.

We choose to classify motives

under two heads, designated by *desire* and *duty*. We shall name but a few of the stronger ones under each head.

As a desire, *pleasure* first claims our attention. Indeed, some old philosophers claimed that all motives could ultimately be traced to a desire for pleasure, and its opposite, aversion to pain. This desire is egotistic. There is another, a nobler, altruistic desire, that of promoting the *happiness* of others. While this motive is not universal, it is nevertheless general. It finds its highest exemplification in the obedience to the command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Another motive, instinctive, is the *desire for society*. It manifests itself in early life, and increases in young manhood and womanhood.

A strong motive is found in the desire to *be* and to *do good*. Man desires the approval of his conscience. His conscience can approve only of what is good, and is diverted from this course only by environment.

While the desires named are more distinctly psychical, there are strong physical desires. These are summed up in the common term, *appetites*.

Desire, as we have seen, is a feeling arising from the contemplation of some pleasure to be derived, some good to be obtained.

Duty is a fundamental principle of our mind. Having a perception of the right, there invariably accompanies it the sense of obliga-

tion or duty to do the right.

To abstain from all things which may harm us is a duty we owe self, and which we designate *self-control*. Feelings of resentment arising from wrongs done us, as well as propensities for intemperate indulgences, need be held in check.

Prominent among the duties we owe self is *culture*. Man is endowed by the Creator with certain powers and capabilities, and it is his duty so to cultivate them that he may accomplish the greatest good. Pleasure is transient; a cultured mind is wealth unlimited.

The recognition of our *duty to society* is a strong motive. This duty forbids that we deprive one fellow being of life; that we destroy his liberty, or interfere with his pursuit of happiness.

A stronger motive than the last is our *duty to the family*. It impels the parent to put forth the utmost efforts to secure the welfare and happiness of the child, both present and future. It leads children to reverence and love their parents, issuing in obedience to them. By no means least, are our duties to each other as brothers and sisters. Strong as is the bond of love between parent and child, home has not attained to its highest ideality unless it has among its number a brother, not only in name but in deed; and unless it has among its number a sister worthy of a brother's adoration and love. Unfortunate is the young man who has grown up without the assist-

ance of the kind hand and loving heart of a sister.

The conception of one's *duty to God* is a very strong motive to action. As Creator, with the attributes of omniscience and omnipotence, he demands of man reverence, love, and obedience.

And how may these motives be educated? By elevating the *moral standard*, placing before the individual *higher ideals*, and *training the will* to right action. This must be begun at home and continued in school.

The home is the child's abode during the years of its most susceptible impressions. Here the mother's grand and loving work begins. She may teach by precept very effectively, but the child's unfaltering confidence in the goodness of the parent renders example by far the more potent factor in the final conception of a moral standard. Here begins the work of pointing the child to a higher sphere, to higher ideals. Here, as well, the child receives its first training of will, in obedience to authority, issuing from reverence for the source of the authority.

Recognizing the nobility and grandeur of the parent's work, we can the better appreciate the duties of one engaged in that noblest of professions—fashioning the intellect, educating the conscience, moulding the character, and shaping the destinies of future generations of men and women—the profession of teaching. The teacher

is charged with the duty of continuing this grand work begun at home. As age increases and the intellect is broadened the conception of a moral standard should be correspondingly elevated. Ideals should be placed in a higher sphere, to the attainment of which motive must impel. The will should be trained to obedience, not only to individual authority, but to institutional authority, the state. The responsibility of the exercise of a free will should be taught. Its exercise with a view to the attainment of the great end of life—to life completely—should be paramount. The highest motives should always be instilled in the mind. These are the religious motives. Man is naturally a religious being, and the possession of these highest motives will be a powerful impulse toward the attainment of the most nearly perfect life, whose influence is not only temporal, but whose influence endures after the body itself has been withdrawn from this stage of action.

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**Personal.**

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Miss Lillie Dundor has been quite ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Dougherty, of Steelton, visited her son, John C., Dec. 10.

Mrs. Sollenberger, of Harrisburg, visited her son, C. A., Dec. 6.

Dr. Vallerchamp called to see his daughters, Clara and Jennie, Dec. 13.

Miss Hertzog, of Elizabethtown, was visiting among friends Dec. 17.

Bishop Kephart preached in the Annville U. B. Church, New Year's morning.

Miss Wolfe and Mrs. Roop spent Saturday, Dec. 3 with friends in Harrisburg.

Professor and Mrs. Daugherty were visiting relatives in Highspire and Baltimore.

President Roop spent the most of vacation in the field soliciting students and money.

Professor Lehman has been collecting some funds for the new astronomical telescope.

Dr. Roop preached in Covenant U. B. Church, Lancaster, New Year's morning and evening.

Miss Bess Seltzer, of Lebanon, was visiting among her many friends at the College, Dec. 12.

Rev. I. E. Runk was at his home at Avon, Dec. 4, where he preached for his father in the evening.

President Roop was in Lebanon Dec. 3d, transacting business relative to the best interests of the College.

Mrs. Dr. Roop and Miss Wolfe, our Professor of English, spent three days of their vacation in New York City.

Mr. Ulrich, who had been at home for some time on account of his brother's illness, returned to his work at the College, Dec. 4.

Dr. and Mrs. Roop spent Sunday, Dec. 11 at Harrisburg, where the Dr. preached in the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Miss Rhoda Riegel, Prescott, Pa., was a pleasant caller at the College Dec. 17, the guest of her cousin, Miss Nora Spayd.

Prof. Daugherty was absent from his class-room on Dec. 19, having gone to New Cumberland to attend the funeral of a niece.

C. V. Clippinger and H. E. Spessard stopped at Miss Shelley's home from Tuesday until Friday, on their way home from school.

Mr. C. H. Koontz, a former student here, but at present a student at Philadelphia Dental College, spent Thursday, Dec. 15, with Prof. Spangler and A. E. Arnfield, respectively.

On Dec. 4 Miss Susie Moyer entertained the following students at her home at Derry Church: Misses Anna Myers and Nellie Buffington, Messrs. C. E. Snone, H. H. Baish and A. G. Smith.

Miss Edith S. Grabill, whose illness we mentioned in last issue, recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home at Lancaster, Dec. 6th. We are glad to know that she is much improved at this writing.

Dr. Roop addressed the Men's Mass Meeting in the Fulton Opera House, Lancaster, the first Sabbath of the New year. This is said to

be the third largest Men's Meeting in the United States. It was the President's second address to them. Mrs. Roop sang beautifully two solos.

Professor Oldham and Mrs. Dr. Roop, of the Department of Music, assisted in the concert given in the Lebanon Business College, under the auspices of the Ladies' Mite Society, of the Trinity U. B. Church, on the evening of January 2.

A. T. Sumner gave two addresses before the people of Harrisburg, Sunday, Dec. 11. The good people showed their appreciation of his work by making him a present of a good, new overcoat and other articles for his comfort during these cold days.



#### Among the Societies.

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##### PHILOKOSMIAN.

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*Esse Quam Videra.*

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RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

Another term with its labors and pleasures is past and a new term is before us. The past term has been a very successful one, the society has gained both in numbers and literary ability. The programs were always well rendered, each member endeavored to do his best when having a part in the exercises. Every Philo. worked earnestly for the welfare of the society and his labors have not been in vain. The

future is judged by the past. Our past deeds speak for themselves in the general prosperity of the society. Therefore judging our future by our past we are assured of greater excellence awaiting those whose guiding star and controlling influence is "to be rather than to seem."

The following are the officers for the term: President, Runk, '99; vice president, Oyer, '01; recording secretary, S. F. Daugherty, '01; critic, Eichinger; corresponding secretary, W. O. Roop, '01; chaplain, Emenheiser, '01; editor, Myers, '00; janitor, John Daugherty; organist, Alfred Sumner, '02.

The society was visited by the following persons during the past month: Rev. Eshleman, Mr. and Mrs. Coover, Mrs. Eichinger, Miss Eichinger, and Mr. Barnhart.

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#### CLIONIAN.

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#### *Virtude et Fide.*

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EMMA R. BATDORF, '99.

The officers for the ensuing term are as follows: President, Anna S. Myers, '99; vice president, Leah Cora Hartz, '99; recording secretary, Reba F. Lehman, '00; critic, Annie Kreider, '00; chaplain, Alma Mae Light, '99; corresponding secretary, Emma R. Batdorf, '99; treasurer, Lizzie Kreider; librarian, Susie Moyer, '01; editor, Arabelle E. Batdorf; pianist, Susie F. Herr.

On Friday evening, December 16, a very pleasant joint session

was held with our brother Kalos. All that participated in the program performed their productions in an admirable manner. These meetings are always enjoyed by all and it is with much pleasure that we look forward to the meetings next term. Many visitors were present, among them Misses Clara and Jennie Vallerchamp, Castle, Hertzler, Behm, Doutrich, Stoner, and Seltzer, Messrs. Hershey, Hollinger and Fisher.

How rapidly our school days are passing. Again we have come to the close of another term's work. The questions before us are, Have we accomplished all we could and should have done? Have we been as faithful in our society as well as in our school work as we should have been? I am afraid many of us must say, No. Oh, if we could only realize how short our school days are how faithful we would be in the performance of our duties. How much kinder we would be to our associates. If all of us would stop to think there would be less jealousy, no unkind remarks would be passed and we would be filled with a higher, nobler purpose.



Morning devotion,  
Great commotion,  
Roop was funny,  
Pres was glummy.

Result:  
Roop did inherit  
One demerit.

### Conservatory of Music.

During the present month the following exercises will occur: Faculty and Students' Recital about 28th, and two private recitals by the students.

The recital in February will be given up to "opera," and will consist of abstracts from the favorite operas by the faculty and students. The scale contest will be held in the first week of February.

Director Oldham and Mrs. Roop are putting into rehearsal Katherine Wallace Davis' "Cradle Songs of Many Nations." This will be given in the near future by a company of young girls from six to sixteen years old and in costume of the various nations, and will be for the benefit of the Conservatory.



### The Power of Music.

C. V. CLIPPINGER, '99.

How often, even for a moment, do we stop to consider the rapturous charms of music?

What a power it has to soften, melt and enchain by its rapturous chords?

Truly there is power in music, an almost omnipotent power, a power which dominates over the will and the soul, a power which will force it to bow down and worship, it will wring adoration from it and compel the heart to yield to its treasures of love.

Music calls the religious devotee

to worship, the patriot to his country's altar, the philanthropist to his generous work, the friend to the altar of friendship and the lover to the side of his beloved. It elevates, empowers and strengthens them all.

The most perfect of all musical instruments is the human voice and well it may be for it had the most skillful maker—God, whose creations are all perfect. The voice should be cultivated to sing the tones of love to man and God, around the fireside, in the social circle, at the altar of God it should pour forth melodious praise. Music sweetens the cup of bitterness, softens the hand of want, lightens the burden of life, makes the heart courageous and the soul cheerfully devout. Into the soul of childhood and youth it pours a tide of redeeming influence. It breathes a holy inspiration into the soul to elevate, refine and spiritualize. No deadness can exist in a soul that is pouring forth a tide of music; its very recesses are astir, everything within becomes active. the perceptions acute, the affections warm and moral sensibilities quick and sensitive. When we see how much the world needs awakening we can think of no power better calculated to do it than that which dwells in the mysterious melodies of music.

Music can also be acted as well as sung. The heart may make music when the lips are dumb. A simple word may be full of music and stir the pulses to new and better

emotions and the soul to higher joys. The harmony of a well-ordered life is the most graceful music. The tender cares and caresses of a wife, the kindred gentleness and affection of the husband, the quiet and ready obedience of the children, do not all these make a household of music that in the land beyond shall be chanted by choirs of angels?

If only sound were music how many there are who would be denied that delightful solace. Some there are who cannot sing, yet whose natures are the finest harps from which an unheard melody is continually ascending.

Oh tell me where music is not! We hear it in the pensive sound of the autumnal wind, we see it in the sparkling flow of the bright river, we hear it as it were in the morning stars. It is in all the elements; the flame has a cheerful hum of its own, the water ripples with music, the raindrops sing as they fall, and the Almighty hath made man to sing songs to him throughout all eternity.

The world needs music, its poor cry aloud for it, they are tired of the inharmonious dun of toil and a few sweet notes bring with them hours of pleasure to the weary and world-forsaken.



Harry H. challenges the school to combat. Weapons are a pocket knife against fists, clubs and water,

### Exchanges.

The "Otterbein *Aegis*" for November contains a very able address on "The Present Critical Condition of France." In this the speaker decries the flagrant injustice in the late Dreyfuss affair as well as prophecies coming trouble to the Jew of that country, similar to that of the Huguenots in former years.

The "Eatonian" is, as usual, a very strong exchange for November. Among its many strong articles is "Life a Dualism;" this is a fine discussion of a subject that can not too often be brought before the minds of college students. We quote the following from the article:

"Life is a dualism. The world gives to man only what he has put into it. Fate no longer presides over his destiny; luck no longer rules his fortunes; but law, stern, unalterable is over all, giving out to each one the reward of his action."

Not long ago, with wrathful pen,  
To death and torture we consigned  
The fiend who shouted "Rubber neck,"  
And this result have wrought, we find:

The fiend aforesaid heard our words  
And recognized them as the truth,  
And so he hollers "Rubber" now  
That he may save his "neck" forsooth.

—*Dickinsonian.*

Young ladies at the breaking up of a party are like arrows—they can't get off without a beau and are all in a quiver until they do get one.—*Ex.*

## NAUTICAL.

Said whiskered med  
To a fair co-ed:  
    "I'm like a ship at sea;  
Exams are near,  
And much I fear  
    I will unlucky be."  
"Then," murmured she,  
"A shore I'll be;  
    Come, rest, thy journey o'er."  
Then darkness fell,  
And all was well—  
    For the ship that hugged the  
shore.—*Ex.*

At the Theatre :

Down in the pit  
The Freshmen sit,  
The Sophomore's just behind ;  
And next within the balcony,  
The Juniors you will find,  
Above them far  
The Seniors are,  
And hold their lofty station;  
To rise above the common herd  
Is quite their aspiration.

—*The Muhlenburg.*

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Brownmiller—I think Anabasis  
was a greater man than Xenophon.

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Mr. S. has a hard time to become  
a girl, even the President opposes it.

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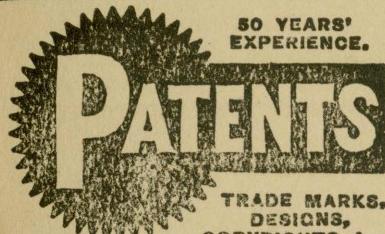
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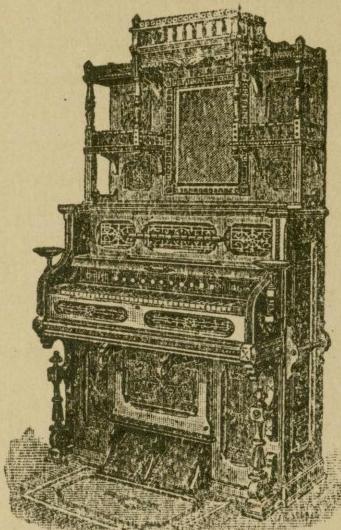
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## The Wanderer.

HATTIE SPANGLER SHELLEY, '99.

He was old ; for his beard was streaked  
with gray,

And he moved so very slow,  
His voice had a tone of sadness,  
His form was bent and low ;  
His eyes were almost sightless,  
And his face was strangely pale,  
His lips were drawn and shriveled,  
And kept back a mournful tale.

His clothes were old ; his black tattered  
coat,  
Loosely hung o'er his feeble form,  
His hat was crushed ; it had stood the  
blasts,

Of many a howling storm,  
His hands were small wrinkled,  
And grasped a wooden cane,  
His head was bowed, and doubtfully,  
He shook it again and again.

His heart was old ; it had throbbed these  
years,  
O'er many a joyous scene,  
It had braved some pleasant moments,  
And the burdens that lie between,  
Who *knows* but it may have harbored  
A stranger, whose garb is love,  
Who knows but it once was broken,  
And maybe it now must rove.

His life was old ; he had spent the best  
And the fragments alone remain,  
The life once smiling with sunshine,  
Is clouded, and dripping with rain,  
Life was new, and the friends were many—

Some proved faithless, some dead and  
gone—

Life is old, and he sits by the wayside,  
A wanderer, all alone.

## Our Military System.

J. P. BATDORF, '99.

Some of the fatal blundering in  
the conduct of the war may be traced  
to a bad system. When a bad  
system is left to be administered by  
incompetent men the results are  
disastrous.

After the Civil War in our country was concluded, supreme military power was continued in the general commanding of our armies. The confidence of the people in General Grant was so great that no scheming bureau office, or ambitious civilians, or avaricious contract seekers could for a moment interfere with him and his complete command of the army. When General Grant became president of the United States and Sherman was advanced to the grade of general, it was the purpose of President Grant to continue the command of the army under direction of the general. But Grant chang-

ed his plans, greatly to the disappointment of General Sherman and greatly to the detriment of our country. When General Sherman assumed command of the army he issued an order announcing the members of his staff. Immediately upon the issuance of that order, the authorities of the War Department surrounded General Rawlins, who was Secretary of War and a good military man, and they had no difficulty in convincing him that the staff officers of the army should be appointed and controlled by the Secretary of War, and not by the general. Secretary Rawlins being thoroughly convinced of that policy towards which his military mind naturally turned, went to President Grant and requested him to change the order that gave the power of appointing the officers for the army to General Sherman. When General Sherman was not permitted to name these staff officers, he announced that his occupation was gone and that he was not needed in the army any longer, and the grizzled veteran returned to his home and refused to issue any orders for over a year. Ever since that time civilian Secretaries of War have dominated the War Department and this condition of affairs was continued, because our country has been at peace and no harm could come of such management.

Now that we have had a war with a foreign country, the people must see the conditions that have

resulted from this mismanagement of the War Department by a civilian secretary who presumed himself to be a military man. During the past two years it has been apparent to politicians, statesmen, and military men that war with Spain was practicably unavoidable, consequently the Senior Major General of the army of the United States in his headquarters at Washington, carefully prepared for the inevitable conflict, just as von Moltke in Berlin prepared for the war with France.

For two long years General Miles carefully studied the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, the location of the rivers, brooks, and swamps and familiarized himself with the location of the hills and valleys, the highways and byways that he found all over the islands. He made plans of campaign to meet all possible conditions according to the size of the army that might be placed at his disposal, and in every way endeavored to make the army of the United States just as invincible as von Moltke made the army of Germany. When 70,000,000 American people declared war against Spain, there was only one man in the entire 70,000,000 who was prepared for that war, and that one man was Major General Nelson A. Miles.

When war with France began, Moltke was the only soldier in Germany fully equipped for the command of the German army. He commanded and led it to vic-

tory. When war with Spain began General Miles was the only American soldier prepared for the command of our army; but he was not permitted to assume control. Why? During the six weeks preceding the declaration of war the general frequently consulted with the Secretary of War and with the President of the United States, giving them information of great value. It was General Miles who informed the President that there were no more than four rounds of ammunition, in the entire country, for our ten inch guns and no more than eight rounds for our eight inch guns. The President also learned from General Miles that we were without modern equipments for our soldiers and totally unprepared for the transportation of large bodies of men. For this reason the President so long restrained the members of Congress when they desired to rush hastily into war with Spain. It was through General Miles that the President requested of Congress an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the national defense. Our navy was strengthened at every point, our battle ships well supplied with every requirement except smokeless powder.

Before hostilities began, General Miles discovered where he could secure 2000 pounds of smokeless powder. He desired to secure that powder but was overruled by the Secretary of War. Therefore it was that our soldiers on Cuban and Porto Rican soil were obliged to

go into battle enveloped in the smoke of their own guns thereby becoming targets for the enemy, while the Spaniards with smokeless powder pitilessly rained bullets upon them, no smoke from their own weapons betraying their presence. It need not be said that if these officers had been under the command of General Miles as they should have been, our boys would have had smokeless powder with which to fight, sufficient transportation, well equipped hospital ships, ample supplies of food and well disciplined medical attendants.

The war is over and peace once more reigns supreme. We criticise not that we desire to stir up ill feelings, but that we may learn by a careful investigation of past failures such knowledge as will make their future occurrence impossible.



#### Eulogy—Henry Drummond.

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ADAM WIER, '00.

Ever since man began to think and observe, a relentless and unceasing conflict has been waging between the material and immaterial, the visible and the invisible, and between science and religion. In the midst of this turmoil and strife, —when all the world was in a maze; when religion was robbed of its celestial glory by the distorted figures of false doctrine, destitute of that splendor which attracts the human soul, robbed of those power-

ful incentives to virtue, lofty aspirations and high attainments, when the minds of men were engaged in discovering the true relation of and in endeavoring to harmonize science and religion, with science on the one hand mustering all her forces and advocates, with christianity<sup>1</sup> on the other hand marshalling and concentrating a formidable phalanx of lovers and promoters of religious truths,—suddenly a lustrous ray of light appeared to confused mankind when Henry Drummond appeared upon the scene.

Mr. Drummond was born in 1840, in Sterling, Scotland, a descendant not from the famous order of barons, not from the nobility and aristocracy, nor yet from ancestors blessed with wealth and intelligence, but the son of one whose nobility was unenviable, whose wealth was limited and whose means of subsistence was "by the sweat of his brow."

From his very infancy he, through the deep-seated and unblemished piety of his mother and under the splendid influences of his father, was inspired and encouraged to practice all those virtues, which when welded together by the Holy Spirit, reared in him that noble Christian character and gave to him that unmovable steadfastness in the truth, which was to him the source of his understanding and power and which won for him unbounded admiration from all men.

At an early age he perceived that he had a great mission to fulfill.

Recognizing this he, not being impelled by an unrestrained ambition for fame and wealth, but by a consuming desire to be about his Father's business, bent all his energies and talents to prepare himself for the exalted position unto which he was called.

Although poverty seemed to be an insurmountable barrier to his attainment of knowledge, yet, impelled by a burning love for knowledge, awakened by a clear conception of the urgent need of his countrymen of an unbiased, unprejudiced system of theology, and stimulated by his persistent and iron will to attain that for which he strived, he courageously and successfully scaled the heights of this barrier and became a man of wide knowledge, both of men and books. It is through his unbounded success in the world of science that he became so widely known. Although hampered by environments, retarded by a jealous, merciless criticism and attacked by the heartless assaults of infidelity and scepticism, he yet became the brightest star in the canopy of intelligence. "Not impelled by the fiery sting of genius nor yet by an absorbing ambition to write books," he rose from the low and despised walks of a rustic life to the lofty and enviable plane of intelligence and influence; yea he was the very embodiment and exemplification of that noble character to whom Longfellow referred when he said, "Do the duty that lies nearest to you and take no thought of fame."

As a writer his brilliant style, his well-chosen illustrations, his entrancing novelty of form, and his splendid diction, captivated the minds of his readers, impressed upon their hearts the beauty and simplicity of truth as they had never seen it before and placed him upon the highest pinnacle of fame in the world of letters. He worked as few men worked even in those days of excessive mental toil.

Not content by lecturing on the natural sciences during the week, on the Sabbath he was found propounding truths of a moral and spiritual import to a sinful, perishing world. "Yea he taught, he wrote, he thought at white heat and yet without error." Among the principal productions of his mind are his "Ascent of Man," "Degeneracy," "Tropical Africa," "Greatest Thing in the World," and "Natural Law in the Spiritual World."

It was through the latter that he became so greatly distinguished in literary circles, endeared to the hearts of christian men and women and the God of authority in the realms of science and religion. He was the first among all his contemporaries to conceive a similarity between the laws that govern both the natural and spiritual worlds. Enlightened from the superstition of an antiquated science, inspired by the unabated conflict between scientists and religionists, impelled by a numberless host of famishing souls petitioning God for de-

livrance from that Egypt of scientific and ecclesiastical servitude, he, by jealous research into the truth, by his penetrating mind, and by his unerring power of discrimination finally grasped the eternal truth that God's laws govern "all that is in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth." It was he who seized the flag of truce, bore it through the camp of an enraged enemy, offered it to misinformed and oppressed christianity and by his invincible reasonings affected the first permanent reconciliation between these two opposing forces. It was he who blew the trumpet of union and peace throughout all civilized lands until finally the lofty partition between science and religion tottered to its fall.

Not only was he a writer, he also was endowed with the entrancing power of eloquence and utterance. "His very attitude when speaking; tall, delicate in feature, alert in manner, fastidious in appearance, was indicative. So quiet, so unassuming, hands behind his back, his face aglow, sentence after sentence of such beautiful chaste English, no hesitation, no repetition; no wonder that men who opposed his science and attacked his theology were entranced by his eloquence."

He was not only a scientist, a writer, a reformer, and a speaker; but he was also a saint. As we stand before his beautiful character, as we behold his unspotted life, as

we contemplate his perfect love, we are slowly changed into the image of one who walks and communes with God.

His thoughts were stimulated by divine fires, his statements were emanations from Him who said, "I am the truth," his diction and phraseology were the ladders which extended to the *summum bonum*, and upon which his readers, impelled by his beauty of thought, clearness of style and simplicity of expression, ascended to the lofty peaks of righteousness and peace to dwell in the temple of untainted veracity.

Alas! Drummond is no more. Death like a jealous rival came and stamped his icy kiss upon one of England's greatest heroes and the world's greatest benefactors. Thus was he snatched from this world by an untimely death, the world robbed of his ennobling spirit of altruism and he deprived of the realization of his elaborate expectations.



#### Beauties of Nature.

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O. G. MYERS, '00.

We find ourselves wondering about in a world of beauty. That which would take a lifetime to fully and satisfactory describe, as it has to deal with nature.

Words with all their majesty, rich in abundant metaphor and striking simile, cannot paint the realm of ecstasy that gladdens the eye and fills the soul with delight.

Imagination cannot boast amid its gay creation or with its matchless skill to produce even the tints and perfume that appear in every bud.

Artists have not succeeded in reproducing the beauties of the humble flowers which even enhance our pathway. Unequalled by the marvelous efforts of the renowned Reynolds, Van Dyke or Angelo, who, wielding their brushes with study hand, have displayed some of the finest products the world has ever beheld, yet not to be compared with the beauties of nature.

Although in response we find the study of nature through her own beauties too often neglected. There are multitudes of people who have no more conception of the beauty about them, than the blind. They rush on through life missing the exquisite delight which might be theirs if the love of nature were awakened within them. Were an inhabitant of this country removed from its delightful scenery to the midst of an Arabian desert, a boundless expanse of sand; a waste spread with uniform desolation; enlivened by the murmur of no stream, and cheered by the beauty of no verdure, although he might live in a palace and riot in splendor and luxury. He would find life a dull, wearisome, melancholy round of existence, and amid all his gratifications, would sigh for the hills and valleys of his native land, the brooks and rivers, the living luster

of spring and the rich glories of the autumn. Thus we find the love of nature essential to the appreciation of her beauty.

Let us lift our eyes from the dead level of mere existence and seize the refined enjoyments which might be ours. Look to the right upon the broad and flower-strewn landscape, dazzling in the brightness of its own beauty, with its verdure dotted with groves and a thousand springs; duplicated in eternal sunshine, where the towering trees blossom with a thousand gems. The fragrance of whose flowers sweetens the laborer's toil and whose glory lines the traveler's way, while golden fields of grain reach out their tiny arms and catch the flickering sunbeam.

To the left—From rock to rock, from glen to glen, flows the sparkling brook with its silvery mantle bordered in velvet of moss, bound from pebble to pebble with the ivy green, ploughing its way by the lofty hills through the low meadows and alternate shades to the fathomless sea, above which the wood-bird meekly warbling its song in harmony with the low murmur of the brook, at times darts down through the branching boughs and curls the sparkling waters, bright with stars.

Above—When the earth is clothed in the garment of darkness. The gates of the cloudless sky burst open with all the glory of the firmament, and the daughter of heaven robed in her pure silvery lustre

shines forth in her beauty. The stars with uplifted heads rejoice in her presence, while shooting their dazzling beams from the vale of blue as if the sparks had flown from a mighty forge.

Look at the mountains, the mighty serpents that so boldly coil about our native lands, with their hoary heads proudly propping the skies in a vale of mist. From their vast jaws fountains of living sparkling water gush with impetuous speed, down over the cataracts, from crag to crag, through the ravines with whispering musical sounds. From whose feet the avalanche shoots downward, glittering through the pure serene into the depths of clouds that veil their breasts. Whose sides, like great walls of green, are clothed in the verdure of the waving forest, decked in all their grandeur with ivies, woodbines and a thousand kinds of creeping plants. Whose bristling backs, high in the aerial gallery, have stretched their peaky tops to the lands of the gods, printing the railings that so badly bound our vision.

But look above those crested banks. The velvety hue begins to soften, the stars commence to fade. Hands of angels, hidden from mortal eyes shift the scenery of the heavens, and the glories of night dissolves into the glories of dawn. The sky now turns more soft gray. The great watch stars have closed their holy eyes. Rich bands of purple blush along the sky, and now

the whole celestial concave is filled with the inflowing tides of the morning light, which issue from a flash of purple fire blazing out from above the horizon and turns the dew drops of the flowers and leaves into rubies and diamonds.

A few seconds later—The everlasting gates of the morning are thrown open and the lord of day, arrayed in all his glories comes forth from his hiding place and pours his light with a great ocean of radiance until it sinks in the western wave.

Ah! who can describe the gorgeous scene as the crimson sunbeam last kisses our cheek and the glimmering landscapes fade from our view. Every thing is held in solemn stillness, not even a leaf dares whisper from its bough to welcome the sweet breezes nor bid farewell to its departing shield. On that glorious evening sky, behind those purple hues one could almost dream there floated isles of paradise balmed in sweet repose and everlasting enjoyment.

Look at the beauties of nature when the forests stretch forth their naked branches, and the earth frozen beneath the chilling sky, when the windows of heaven unlock their treasures of crystaline splendor and cover the earth in a garment of whiteness. The far off hills swell their white purity against the pure blue of the heavens. The sheeted splendor of the fields sparkles back a thousand suns for one; the trees and every slender twig are covered

with glory; the angels and ruggedness are robed in their fleecy undulations, while the roses and lilies keep holiday under their crystaline roof. But, by and by, the spring sun will mount higher and higher in the heavens, compelling the sweet snow to sink down into the arms of the violets, and once again we will hear the spring birds warbling forth their notes on the clear morning air, and the busy hum of the bees swarming over our fields gathering the sweet nectar from the gapping flowers.

Thus we find the unity in the variety of nature making one complete whole. Leaves of one vast book, edited by the Great Author, who rules the universe. The heart that is susceptible to the gentle influences of this marvelous radiance will be led to say—No eastern imagination, rioting in “barbaric pearl and gold” can eclipse the magnificence in which we live and move and have our being.



If you fall on the ice,—“Well I guess,”—you’ll get up again.



Miss —, while attempting to extinguish her light by saying “pumpkins” over the lamp, accidentally burned off several curls to which he was much attached. Ladies, this is a dangerous method when there are no men about to protect you.

### Our Telescope.

To our friends and alumni who have contributed to the telescope fund we would say the instrument is bought and used on every clear night and morning with great satisfaction. Nearly a hundred persons viewed the late eclipse through it. At present, Mars is a very conspicuous object in the east early in the evening. In the morning we see Venus, Saturn with his rings and Jupiter with his moons, all intensely interesting in the telescope. Besides these we look at the fixed stars, some like gems in the sky; star clusters, double stars, etc. Through the grandeur and magnificence of these celestial objects, their wondrous size, their vast distance, the perfect harmony in all their motions, we are led to see more and more the goodness and wisdom of Him who made and upholds all these.

But now, stop a minute, this telescope that reveals this beauty, and is the source of so much inspiration is not quite paid for. One hundred and ten dollars was contributed by Young People's Societies, Alumni, Students and friends of the school. By the help of friends we borrowed forty dollars from bank, and so bought for one hundred and forty dollars "spot cash" a three hundred dollar telescope—four and one-half inch object glass, equatorial mounting.

The time for the payment of the forty dollars is rapidly drawing

nigh and I would like to ask Young People's Societies, Alumni, friends of the school, who have not yet responded anything, to be kind enough to give us a little lift. We do not ask for large amounts, Y. P. C. U.'s and Y. P. S. C. E.'s have sent in amounts ranging from fifty cents to twelve dollars. Individuals have given from twenty-five cents to ten dollars. Several members of the alumni have sent handsome contributions. May we not hear from others? If we get more than we need it will be used in the further equipment of this department. Do not wait until your good impulse has left you, but write a check at once and mail it to Pres. Roop or to the Professor of Astronomy.



He—"I love you madly, passionately, fondly. Fly with me from your dad or I die in this cornfield."

She—"Hush; the corn has ears and will be shocked."



### A Reward of Merit.

The father asked, "How have you done  
In mastering ancient lore?"  
"I did so well," replied the son,  
"They gave me an encore.  
The Faculty like me and hold me so dear  
They make me repeat my Freshman  
year."—Ex.



Mr. R. (in Conic Sections)—  
Prof. why is the line oo' shorter  
than aa'?

Mr. R.—Because its stands to  
reason.

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### EDITORIALS.

THE day of prayer for colleges has been changed from January 26 to February 12 in order that we may be in line with other student bodies, scattered over fourteen countries, representing a membership of fifty-five thousand. This day should be devoutly observed by every friend and student of our College. The past year has been an epoch of great advancement in the history of L. V. C. The prayers of the people have been heard. If then on the coming day of prayer, we assemble to pray, we should remember: The great answers of the past, the needs of the colleges, and the great importance of having

all students know Christ as a personal Savior.

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LITERATURE as a livelihood has probably more obstacles than any other profession and should be entered upon only by the individual who is particularly qualified for it. Literary efforts, usually, are the side-issues to an individual's principal vocation. Matthews, Wilson, and Sloane, who are noted in the sphere of teaching, have achieved great success in the world of literature, which has eclipsed their work as professors to the world in general. Matthew Arnold examined school children, Oliver Wendell Holmes was an eminent physician, while Mark Twain, who threw himself entirely upon letters as a profession, lectured to increase his income. Many have made editing their mainstay. Lowell, Bryant, Whittier, Dickens and Thackery and a host of others are such whose livelihood was first, editing, then writing. Tennyson and Longfellow lived in a degree solely upon letters while at the present there are none, save James Whitcomb Riley and probably the English laureate. Literature without any other means, is a serious business. One writer has said, "Don't hope to start out with one big stroke and pull to the shore of subsistence by letters." It should be entered only after a definite opportunity is afforded, which opportunity is rare. The thinking individual will not aim at

literature as a means of livelihood. He must earn his bread with the income of some other vocation and perhaps "butter" it by means of letters.

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THE great question that should confront every young man is, What trade or profession shall I follow? The chief aim of many persons is to get through life as easily as possible, and any employment that requires great mental or physical energy has no attractions for them. Never in the history of the world have there been so many opportunities for doing good, and never was true worth honored more than at the present time. Nature has wisely provided that every man should have a special aptitude for a particular work. Men are called to work on a farm, just as truly as they are called to a profession. The difference is that many persons misinterpret the call. Because a man wants to follow a certain profession is not a sure sign that nature has adapted him for it. Many failures in life occur because men persist in doing what neither God nor nature intended them to do.

One of the grossest mistakes made by parents and friends is to persuade a young man to be a lawyer, a doctor, or a minister, when he has no qualifications to recommend him to any profession. Unless he has sufficient judgment to see this mistake, his life is doomed to failure.

Every young man should find out first for what he is best adapted and then choose his life work. These steps taken, every effort should be put forth to make himself a leader in his chosen work.



#### Business.

It is with a feeling of great responsibility that the newly-elected Business Managers assume the duties of their office. Taking a retrospective view we see that in the past THE FORUM has never been a paying publication; although under the faithful and able management of our predecessor it has steadily approached a self sustaining basis.

Now in order that THE FORUM may be placed on a still better financial footing the Business Managers need the support of every student, alumnus, and friend of the College.

Our subscription list is not what it should be in proportion to the number of friends and students and it is our aim with the aid of your support to increase the list to at least one thousand, and also to improve the mechanical as well as the literary quality of the paper.

Thanking our patrons for past favors, and earnestly soliciting your support for the future, we remain

Yours very truly,  
BUSINESS MANAGERS.



Alfred Sumner delivered several addresses at Oberlin, January 15.

**Personals.**

Prof. Daugherty made a business trip to York on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Pres. Roop preached at Steelton, January 29, for Rev. J. M. Shelley.

Rev. Brownmiller, of Reading, paid his son, Luther, a visit, January 17.

Frank Douglass was absent from school several days because of seriously affected eyes.

Bishop Kephart preached in the Annville U. B. Church, Tuesday evening, January 17.

Miss Edith S. Grabill, '99, whose illness we mentioned in a previous issue, is again with us.

Alvin Shroyer, '00, addressed the Ladies Loyal Temperance Union of Lebanon, January —.

Miss Lillie Dundor was the guest of her classmate, Miss Grace Fisher, Palmyra, January 17.

Miss Susie Herr entertained a number of her college friends at dinner on Saturday, January 28.

Mr. S. F. Daugherty, '01, was elected president of the Y. P. C. U., First U. B. Church, Annville.

W. G. Clippinger, '99, preached at Annville U. B. Church, Sunday, January 15, and at Steelton, January 22.

A. K. Wier, '00, preached at Derry Church and Union Deposit, Sunday morning and evening, January 15.

Prof. Spangler filled the pulpit for Rev. C. I. B. Brane, of Trinity U. B. Church, Lebanon, on Sunday, January 29.

I. W. Huntzberger, '99, who was absent from school on account of the death of his father, has returned to College again.

Mr. B. J. Teasdale, representing Powers, Fowler and Lewis, Chicago, spent several days during January at the College.

W. G. Clippinger spent Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, in Mechanicsburg, conducting revival services in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. S. Bowman.

R. R. Buttermick, '00, who has been absent from school several weeks, conducting revival services in his church at Sinking Spring, has returned and is resuming regular work.

**Our Alumni.**

Joseph Daugherty, '89, and wife have been made sorrowful by the death of a child.

Rev. Allen U. Baer, '98, pastor of the U. B. Church at Milton, Pa., has conducted a very successful revival at that place.

Samuel F. Huber, '94, who completed a course in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, has been admitted to the Franklin county (Pa.) bar, and will practice at Chambersburg.

Rev. Joseph G. W. Herold, '93, who was stationed at West Newfield, Me., has accepted a call to our church at Hiram, in the same state.

Emma L. Landis, '79, who has charge of the Art Department of the college, spent several weeks in New York and Philadelphia in the interests of her work.

Elvire C. Stehman, '93, was married during the holidays to Prof. C. B. Pennypacker, at the home of the bride in Mountville, Pa. THE FORUM extends congratulations.

Rev. Isaac H. Albright, '76, who is pastor of the U. B. Church at Dallastown, Pa., and editor of the Conference Herald, has accepted a call to the U. B. Church at Shamokin, Pa.

S. Oliver Goho, '80, agent for the American Book Company, and Geo. W. Gensemer, '80, each sent ten dollars to Prof. Lehman as a contribution to the telescope fund. The Professor is anxiously looking for more of such responses from the alumni.

Rev. David S. Eshleman, '94, our college pastor, recently received a donation, amounting to about forty-five dollars, from the members of his congregation. President Roop gave the presentation address, which was responded to by the pastor.

Among those who lately visited their Alma Mater, are the following: Samuel H. Stein, '92, a stu-

dent at the Reformed Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; Reno S. Harp, '89, attorney-at-law, Frederick City, Md.; S. O. Goho, '80, and Dr. and Mrs. D. Albert Kreider, '92. Dr. Kreider is instructor in physics at Yale University.

Rev. Chas. S. Daniel, '73, who is engaged in mission work in the slums of Philadelphia, gave two illustrated lectures on the "Social Settlement" and the "College Settlement," respectively, on Jan. 26 and 28. These lectures were very well attended and much appreciated.

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*Among the Societies.*

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PHILOKOSMIAN.  
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*Esse Quam Videri.*

RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

In every institution of learning we find students who are faulty in expression, not able to speak confidently, and may I not add intelligently? What such students need most is a good literary training. And this training is afforded to all who wish it, in one of our three well conducted societies. To those who have not yet joined any society, we heartily extend you an invitation to cast your "lot" with us, and feel confident that after so-doing you can say "truly our lines have fallen in pleasant places."

At a recent meeting of the society the Editorial Staff and Business

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Managers were elected : Editor-in-chief, I. E. Runk, '99 ; Associates, Galen Light, '99, H. E. Spessard, '00, C. W. Waughtel, '01, H. H. Baish, '02 ; Business Manager, S. F. Daugherty, '01 ; assistant, H. L. Eichinger, '03.

The following are some of the persons who visited our society during the past month : Misses Bess Landis, Edith Grabill, Reba Lehman, Emma Loose, Anna Loose, Sallie Yoder, Lillie Kreider, Messrs. Brunner, Bernheiser, Showers and Fisher.

A committee is making preparations to hold a joint session with the Clios. This is an event that is always eagerly awaited with pleasant anticipations by every Philokosmian.

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 KALOZETEAN.
 

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*Palma non sine Pulvere.*

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R. D. BURTNER, '00, EDITOR.

With this term come new opportunities and responsibilities. All Kalozeteans are more determined than ever, to rally round their standard.

The regular meetings have all been well attended and much interest manifested by every member.

Many visitors attended our meetings during the last month. We are always glad to see visitors, especially our Philo. brethren.

Negotiations are being carried on

for the disposal of the apparatus of the gymnasium to the College.

Our outlook for this term is very encouraging.




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 Athletics.
 

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We are not optimistic when we predict a most successful base ball career for the College team this Spring. Good material is seldom as plenty as it is this year, and as for superb players, we will be proud to send out just about nine stars which would be the pride of any institution and are justly ours. With all this there is a very healthy athletic atmosphere hereabout which will be a big support to the team. But general good material coupled with College spirit have never supported the financial side of any venture, and we are now facing the exceedingly important fact that money must come immediately, or the season of 1899, with all its other bright prospects, will not be any season at all. We say that money must come, and while the FORUM is not the organ of a collecting agency, it feels that existing circumstances call for some public statement of the affairs of our athletic department.

Our athletic department is no mean adjunct of the College. We have behind us very successful and encouraging seasons, and that this career, in full bloom and animated existence, with so many conditions in its favor, should be cut short

for the reason that finances, the backbone of any organization, are lacking, would be deplored by the student body, alumnae and friends of the institution. It is on this account that we present this to our readers. We are not backward, we cannot and dare not be, we want you, reader, to understand this as an appeal. But do not understand only; give proof of your understanding by liberal responses.



#### **Conservatory Notes.**

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Miss Zacharias, of Sinking Spring; Miss Reizenstein, of Lebanon; Miss Krall, of Annville, are among the new students in the Music Conservatory this term.

Director Oldham has put into rehearsal at Lebanon, Offenbach's comic opera, "The Grand Duchess" which will be produced at the Fisher Opera House, in that city, about Eastertide. The opera will be given in its entirety by lady and gentlemen amateurs. The costumes being procured from New York.

February 7th, the Fifth Recital will be held in the College Chapel. It will be given by the music faculty, assisted by some of the advanced students.

February 18th, a Recital will be given by the Music Department. The program of which will be altogether made up of operatic selections. Piano solos, duets, quartets, and vocal solos and trio. The

chorus class will assist with two numbers. This will be one of the best Recitals given up to the present.

February 24, Director Oldham will open the new pipe organ in the recently erected U. B. Church at Hagerstown, Md. The program will consist of organ selections interspersed with vocal numbers. Prof. Oldham will also preside at the organ at the dedication of the church the following Sunday, Feb. 26th. Rev. H. B. Statton is the pastor.

The U. B. Church at Annville has made arrangements with Prof. Oldham to act as choir conductor and organist for the present year.

A history class was started in the Conservatory this term. The Director's time is nearly completely filled now. The outlook for new students being most promising.

The college quartette have accepted an invitation to attend the Pennsylvania Conference, which convenes in Shiremanstown the last of February.



#### **Social Events.**

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On Friday evening, Jan. 6, President and Mrs. Roop entertained the Junior Class from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Bishop and Mrs. Kephart, Prof. and Mrs. Daugherty and Miss Wolfe were present and contributed much to the enjoyment of the

evening. Several games were played, after which refreshments were served. This was followed by a vocal solo, which Mrs. Roop sang in her usual unique way. Without a doubt the Juniors will long remember this event.

The Senior ladies of the hall invited the members of the Senior Class, President and Mrs. Roop and Miss Wolfe, to a conversational in the Ladies' Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 20. This event proved itself to be a delightful social gathering. The ladies knew well how to successfully conduct a conversational, and most splendidly did they turn the theoretical into the practical.

President and Mrs. Roop entertained the faculty at dinner, Saturday evening, Jan. 21, at 5 o'clock.



### **Junior Rhetorical.**

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The first division of the Junior class gave a public rhetorical on Saturday evening, January 14, before a large and appreciative audience. It is a well known fact that the Junior class is largely composed of men and women of considerable ability. Hence we were not surprised at the excellent manner in which they rendered their program, which follows:

Invocation,

Piano Duet—Spanish Dances, *Moskowsky*  
Miss Grace Nissley, Prof. Oldham.

Oration—Sympathy with the Strong,  
Miss Nora Elizabeth Spayd

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| Oration—One Unwavering Aim,      | Mr. George Mason Snoke                                |
| Vocal Solo—When the Golden Rod's | Aflame, <i>Campion</i>                                |
|                                  | Miss Edith S. Grabill.                                |
| Oration—Business Morals,         | Mr. David Ensminger Long                              |
| Essay—What is a Successful Life? | Miss Nellie Pearl Buffington                          |
| Piano Solo—Galop,                | <i>J. Raff</i><br>Prof. Oldham.                       |
| Essay—The Girl Athlete,          | Miss Madie Burtner                                    |
| Essay—Our New Possessions,       | Miss Anna Elizabeth Kreider                           |
| Vocal Duet—Fly Away, Birdling,   | <i>Abt</i><br>Miss Lillian Kreider, Miss Anna Myers   |
| Eulogy—Garfield,                 | Mr. Charles Edward Snoke                              |
| Piano Duet—Marta Overture,       | <i>Flotow</i><br>Miss Arabelle Batdorf, Prof. Oldham. |



### **Green Grow the Rashes, O !**

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| Green grow the rashes, O !               |  |
| Green grow the rashes, O !               |  |
| The sweetest hours that e'er I spend,    |  |
| Are spent amang the lasses, O !          |  |
| There's nought but care on every han',   |  |
| In every hour that passes, O ;           |  |
| What signifies the life of man,          |  |
| An 'twre na for the lasses, O ?          |  |
| The warl'y race may riches chase,        |  |
| And riches still may fly them, O ;       |  |
| And though at last they catch them fast, |  |
| Their hearts can ne'er enjoy them, O .   |  |

But gie me a can'y hour at e'en,  
My arms about my dearie, O ,  
And warl'y cares, and warl'y men,  
May a' gae tapsalteerie, O .

For you sae douce, ye sneer at this,  
Ye're nought but senseless asses, O ;  
The wisest men the warl' e'er saw,  
He dearly loved the lasses, O .

Auld Nature swears the lovely dears,  
Her noblest work she classes, O ;  
Her 'prentice hand she tried on man,  
And then she made the lasses, O .

—Burns.

**Love Letter of Ye Olden Times.**

The following interesting and impressive love letter was clipped from the Bellefonte Patriot, published at Bellefonte in 1827. It is full of inspiring thoughts and clever ideas on the subject of proposing to a young lady :

"Angelic Noun Proper : If there be yet no preposition toward a conjunction with you, be pleased to accept this interjection of my pretenses; for I do pronouns ad verbum that I desire to be adjective to you in all cases ; for positively I declare that, comparatively speaking, I should be superlatively happy might I engender with you in all modes and tenses. I hope you will not think me so singular as not to desire to have the plural number in my family, or that I am too masculine to be neutre in regard to the feminine ; wherefore, dear creature, let us have our affections in common of two. Far be it from you to decline this conjugation, though I am not the first person, nor the second, nor the third that has solicited you to be subjunctive to his love. I presume you will not be in the imperative, while I pass from the optative to the potential ; and that you will permit me to make a conjunction with you. This will make a participle of happiness, if you please actively to give your voice to be passive herein ; be you but supine, I'll be deponent. Thus you will find the optative part of my soul to be a lawful concord with

the genitive ; my whole income shall be dative to you for the present ; nothing shall be accusative against you for the future ; and your dear name shall ever be my vocative, till death, the great ablative of all things, part us."

**Slipere Fallibus.**

Little Oren  
Down the street,  
Hat in the air  
Like his feet.  
  
Little Anna  
Now behind,  
"Get off the ice !  
You must be blind."  
  
Ho ! cries Reba,  
Next in line,  
You've had your fun,  
And now I've mine.  
  
Get up you "Goose"  
And let us go;  
A pretty way  
To see the show.  
  
Little Oren  
Don't you cry,  
You'll be all right  
By-and-by.

—“Spes.”



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**Exchanges.**

The exchanges this month have given instruction as well as pleasure to our readers. Almost all of them have their pages decorated with good resolutions. And even the poets have sung to us through these media sweet strains of the happy new year.

Owing to the recent election of the exchange editor, some of our number of exchanges have not been read by him; hence there may not be a complete exchange list in this issue of the COLLEGE FORUM.

In the November number of the "Dickinsonian" is a concise and able article on Hon. William E. Gladstone. The author sets forth the highest traits of a true citizen, and one whose admonition deserves the consideration of the best statesmen. And because of his strong Christian character he was worshipped by all the countries of Europe.

The editorials of "The Mt. St. Joseph Collegian" for January are very interesting and deserve commendation.

There is an instructive article in the "Lesbian Herald" on "The Moors in Spain." A concise history of the Arabs is given and is especially interesting to lovers of history.

The article on "Unity of Spirit" in "The Emerson College Magazine," addressed especially to young

women, deserves the careful thought of every college lady. We quote the following :

"We enjoy a certain stage of youthful pleasure. It is right that we should; but let us not forget that change is inevitable, and what we do now is the index of what that change will be. You will change. That is inevitable. Young girls, who have come from your homes, some of you from afar, neglect not your opportunity, but see to it that the change that is inevitable in your lives shall be for the better. Although you may not see the way, although you may make mistakes and stumble, if the motive to make life better is always there, even your temporary failure may be turned to your advantage. We can climb up over our failures. Remember that. We can climb up over our failures, as over the rounds of a ladder. Some one has said, 'The possibility of making mistakes is the price of education.' If we could be trained like animals to perform our tasks, and be forced to do right by some outside power or providence, we would lose the most precious heritage of human nature—free will! You can go wrong. No outside power will compel you to see an opportunity, but opportunities are appearing all the time. Doors are opening and closing. Will we go through while the door stands open?"

Among other exchanges on our table this month were: "The Co-

menian," "The Criterion," "Gates' Index," "Woman's College," "Eatonian," "Furman Echo," "Otterbein Aegis," "Ursinus College Bulletin," "High School Times," "The Mirror," "S. H. S. Journal," and others.

Nightibus darkibus  
No lightorum,  
Boyibus kissibus  
Sweet Girlorum  
Wanti someorum,  
Perhapsibus Girlibus  
Havei someorum.—*Ex.*

Teacher—Patrick, will you be kind enough to run up that window?

Patrick—Indade, sorr, and is it a floy that yer take me fur?—*Ex.*

#### TRANSIENCY.

Row out to the wildest sea!  
Young Love is gay and free,  
Once we must happy be,  
Spite of all fear.

Row out to the deepest waves!  
Old Love in madness raves,  
Who cares for winds and waves,  
When Love is near?

Row back into the surf!  
Spent Love's beneath the turf,  
Love and life are nothing worth,  
Death alone is dear.—*Ex.*



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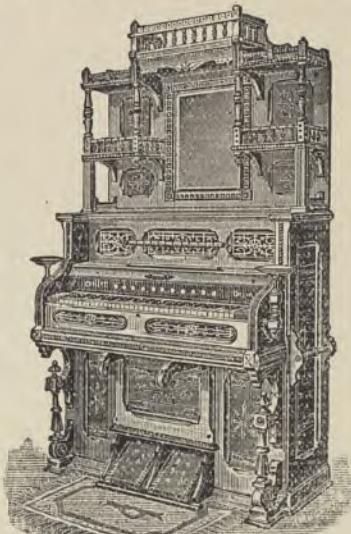
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## America's Opportunity.

R. R. BUTTERWICK, '01.

The events of the year 1898 have startled the world. Foremost among them were the Czar's plea for universal peace, and the American victories in the Spanish-American War.

America has astonished the world by her victories. Spain will always remember that it is dangerous to fool with the "Yankee pigs." History furnishes no parallel to the record of achievements—two fleets wholly destroyed with the loss of only one man, and 184,770 square miles of territory taken,—all in 114 days.

These vast possessions are lost to Spain and Spanish influence. Not all has come into our possession, yet we shall exercise the rights of a protector over them until they have shown themselves capable of self-government.

New territory brings new responsibilities as well as opportunities to our people and government.

For many years Spain has been a nation of the non-progressive type. It is her custom not to de-

velop the resources of her territory, but rather to neglect them. Being largely dominated by Romanism which is non-progressive, we need not wonder that about 80 per centum of her citizens are illiterate. The race is effeminate, yet proud and haughty.

The condition of our new possessions is not far removed from the condition of lands newly discovered. Thus new opportunities appear on every hand. We must show the world that we are equal to the demands—that America truly "is only another word for opportunity."

For many years we have had no merchant marine. Though we lead the world in exports, yet nearly all our goods is carried in foreign vessels. Very few of the world's leading shipping ports have seen the "Stars and Stripes" floating from the stern of an American merchantman. Some ports of England have not been visited in ten years. Whether Congress, as some claim, is to blame, we will not attempt to say, but surely some one is censurable. We should have a merchant marine equal, at least,

to our naval position among the nations of earth. Our flag the most expressive and beautiful among the national ensigns should mingle freely with others in the markets of the world. We have the finest railroad system, why can we not have a maritime system equally good? These island citizens will purchase largely in our markets, and products manufactured by Americans and sold to Americans should not be carried in foreign ships. For many years the cry of protection has sounded over these broad plains, over mountains, and through the valleys, until it has become monotonous. *Better protect our shipping interests. Better establish a good maritime system to supply our people with their own products in American vessels manned by American seamen.*

The resources of these islands should also receive our attention. The Queen of the Antilles, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Archipelago are rich in minerals and various kinds of wood. The soil if cultivated is very productive. They abound in materials such as the world daily needs.

Nature carries these elements in her bosom for the use of man, and she demands that man use them, but to procure them some effort will be required.

But we must not only develop the material resources. We must also look after those interests which are far more valuable—the salvation of

the souls of these people. Rome has enslaved them in ignorance. These fetters of ignorance and superstition must be broken. It becomes us who have a true knowledge of Jesus Christ and an unfettered Bible to bring the same blessing to them. *God intended this to be the last great empire. Our fall or preservation depends upon our religious condition, and our attitude to our brethren.* The civil fetters have been broken, the dark night of ignorance is slowly but surely receding under American patronage. To make these people what God intended them to be, to make them valuable and noble members of the family of man, a true knowledge of God and his son Jesus Christ is necessary. To do this we possess both the means and the ability. We have men who are able and willing to engage in this work providing the means are forthcoming.

Now is our time to manifest our interest in the salvation of our brethren, Will we make this opportunity our own?

The "Stars and Stripes" are everywhere known as the emblem of civil liberty, and the people who live under its protection are the most prosperous of the family of man. The Bible, God's precious volume of truth, is everywhere recognized as the reformer of morals, the teacher of true nobility, "a lamp to the feet" and a light to life's pathway. Both are indis-

pensable. Will we give them the blessed word of truth?

Fellow citizens, the invincible "Stars and Stripes," the emblem of love, truth, and purity, has been borne to these people by our own brave sons under the efficient leadership of Dewey, Schley, Sampson, Miles, Shafter, Brooke, Roosevelt and others. Already the blessings brought to them are apparent. They enjoy life as never before. They realize the benefits of freedom. American prosperity and contentment are no longer an enigma to them. Laudation is found upon the lips of all liberated. They hail the "Stars and Stripes" as the emblem of their salvation, the harbinger of peace and freedom, the protector of man's rights, the oppressor of wrong and wrongdoing, and a weapon of defense against despotism.

May we not also bring to them the glad tidings which the heavenly messenger announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem? May we not sing the song of joy and peace which the celestial choir sang to the lowly watchers on that never-to-be-forgotten night? May not the story of the Babe of Bethlehem be wafted over the briny deep to those island shores so that they too may know that a Savior died for them?



Miss B. says H. is getting very wasteful.

### The Peril of Prosperity.

A. GARFIELD SMITH, '01.

It is fitting that an individual studying the comparative rise and fall of nations should pay particular attention to the causes that led to their greatness and to their downfall.

Also making due allowance for the variations in time, customs, possibilities, and responsibilities, to compare those nations with his own and carefully ascertain the causes that led to the eminence of his own nation, and the germs of dissension and dissociation, which even at the present time may be incipient. This applies especially to an American student, as no nation ever before rose so firmly and uniformly and no nation today presents a more interesting study of the peril of prosperity.

Glance back with me over 4,000 years to Assyria, the first great empire of the earth, situated in far distant Mesopotamia.

This empire was constructed by indefatigable effort and conquered Babylon and all surrounding territory. The reigns of government at that time were in the hands of Semiramis, a queen, rich, ambitious, and uncontented. She fitted out an expedition to conquer the whole known earth, but was ignominiously defeated.

Have we not people of such nature today occupying exalted positions in our own idolized republic?

May not such a fate at sometime be ours?

Let America beware.

Consider the kingdom of Israel. While prosperous, differences arose between certain of the tribes which finally effected a separation into two kingdoms. This eventually meant Israel's downfall. Because in the scriptural language, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

When we think of our own country during the time of the rebellion, and observe how our nation was divided, is it not miraculous that unity once more asserted itself, and granted to America the blessed privilege of being again united beneath the Star Spangled Banner after she had been torn asunder and her very existence threatened by the baneful and vicious banner of secession. Behold America today. Observe the condition of affairs that today exists between capital and labor. This conflict, being continually accelerated by fresh disturbances, is sure to create as marked a division in America as existed during the days of secession, if both capitalist and laborer do not put forth strenuous efforts to maintain harmony. If it is possible for such a conflict to occur, is it not possible that it may mean the ultimate downfall of the republic? Because America once regained her coalescence, does that make it certain that she would be so fortunate again? Let loyal citizens consider this.

Notice how in 490 B. C. Miltiades, the Athenian, so valiantly repulsed and put to flight the Persian army; how, ten years later, Leonidas, the Spartan, with less than a thousand men, fought so bravely against millions of Persians. After these brilliant achievements mutual jealousy between Athens and Sparta proved fatal to both. Athens, the survivor, shamefully transferred the ruling power to Philip of Macedon. But why did she do this? Because her rules were corrupted and bribed. At that time principles, private honor, and public goods were exposed to sale as in a market, and a pernicious laxity of method succeeded which gnawed out the very vitals of Athenian pride and honor.

Can we not find such a condition of political affairs in this State, yea, more, in this, Lebanon county? Is it not time for honest American citizens to institute stringent reforms, when the second State in the Union, both in wealth and population, has for its political leaders, men such as control Pennsylvania politics today. Men who advise their henchmen to secure legislative votes, if not by fair means, by a judicious use of gold and promises, in order that they may accomplish their desired end.

Is it proper for such men or their avowed lieutenants to represent this fair State in America's highest legislative body? That body which should be composed of "men,

high minded men, who their duties know and knowing dare maintain." Are such men competent to assist our revered President to hold aloft the banner of independence, over "the land of the free and the home of the brave?" This State furnishes a typical example of modern bossism.

Hundreds of years ago Huns and vandals overthrew Rome, the ancient mistress of the earth. Today we as a nation need fear no invasion from a hostile power so much as we must fear disruption by means of internal evils and fatal dissensions. Vice is today mistress of many of the most popular and influential citizens of America, men who are potent in national life and revered in private life, are dominated by rum, licentiousness, lying and hypocrisy.

What is the feeling of the masses today regarding our military system? The people regard with amazement and disgust the quarrels and acrimonious attacks made upon one another by our chief military authorities. Such scandals upon our Secretary of War and Major-General of the United States army as are just now current report, cannot help but make our army and its officers appear ridiculous to the world, and make us fit companions for the French, whose civil and military affairs have been so severely condemned.

But what else can we expect when we are compelled to acknowl-

edge that the Secretary of War is a man, dishonored in the rebellion, and who owes his present position simply to money and political influence. A man who appointed officers of volunteer regiments from their political influence and support and did not think or know that ability is the greatest factor in successful warfare.

Again, we are in peril because of proposed territorial expansion. Our most pressing needs are such as nothing but loyal, true, earnest, self-sacrificing men can supply. Without these it is useless that we extend our territory from ocean to ocean and quarry gold as we do rocks. These physical accessions, coming so suddenly upon us do but increase our peril.

Adversity we might bear, and be better for it, but how shall we bear this gush of seeming prosperity? Seeming, I say, because time alone can determine its reality. If we do not cut ourselves entirely loose from our ancient moorings, but hold fast to our integrity, our continence will prove that some sterling virtue is still left. After all our conquests, the most difficult yet remains--victory over ourselves.

In view of these facts let us not fold our hands singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," but let us as loyal citizens raise our voice in humble supplication to our Omnipotent Father that he may deliver us from temptation. O that we may not become intoxicated with

joy because of recent prosperity and that we may not minimize in our minds our country's peril. But let us be loyal and true citizens of our republic loving her with our heart's deepest affection and protecting her with our best ability while she valiantly struggles against error and wrong.

Here truthfully we can say in the language of Lowell,

"What word divine of lover or of poet  
Can tell our love and make thee know it,  
Among the nations bright beyond compare?"

What are our lives without thee?  
What all our lives to save thee?  
We reck not what we give thee;  
We will not dare to doubt thee,  
But ask whatever else, and we will dare!"



### Finding Our Place.

W. O. ROOP, '01.

As we look into nature we are impressed with the beautiful lessons it teaches.

One of these lessons is "usefulness." On every hand we see this lesson demonstrated. The tiny leaf which forms but a small part of the foliage fills a very important mission; it is an established fact that the leaf gives off oxygen, so essential to our physical life, and absorbs carbonic acid gas which is dangerous to human life. Scientists tell us the leaf is necessary to the existence of man.

The decaying matter on the mountain side is preparing the fuel for future ages, and lying there

year after year, apparently worthless, it is contributing to the comfort and happiness of coming generations.

The fleecy flock in the distant vale is manufacturing your garments and mine. The fragrant rose fills an office as sweet and beautiful as itself. Aside from its fragrance, it imparts cheer and sunshine to the sick room, it encourages the discouraged, it is the handiwork of God and bears testimony to Him.

All of these various agencies are insignificant in comparison with man—man the most independent of creatures, endowed with reason and the privilege of choice. What then must be the mission of man? Surely God has designed each of us for a purpose. He has given us talents and He allows us to choose where we shall employ them, what place we shall fill in life; and the question, "What is my place?" is one of the most important and difficult questions one starting in life has to answer.

Nevertheless each of us is required to answer the question, and upon the decision depends largely our future success or failure. We cannot answer this question correctly by mere guess-work any more than we can solve a mathematical problem by guess, but just as there are rules that assist in working mathematics so there are means, which if properly used, will lead us to the correct conclusion.

In the first place we should known ourselves. "Know thyself" is the advice of good old Socrates, acknowledged to have been one of the wisest and best of men. Well may we follow his advice. The better we know ourselves the more justly and satisfactorily can we deal with ourselves.

"First to thine ownself be true and it must follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man."

We should seek to know our moral, mental, and physical abilities, our weaknesses, our talents, our tendencies, thus taking an account of stock we know what we are worth, and knowing that we can decide more intelligently what we are capable of doing. We can study ourselves best in our actions, for it is in them that we reveal ourselves.

Our tendencies will often show us for what we are naturally fitted.

We have heard it said that coming events cast their shadows before, and by watching carefully the "shadows" we might discover for what nature has designed us.

It is said of Isaac Watts, whom we all recognize as the author of beautiful hymns, that in early boyhood he was constantly rhyming, much to the disgust of his father. One day while receiving some fathery advice for the same, Watts gave utterance to these words,

"Dear father, do some pity take  
And I will no more verses make."

Smeaton while scarcely able to climb to the roof of his father's barn tacked there a little windmill which foreshadowed the great engineer he was afterward to become.

Likewise, Benjamin West, the famed artist, when yet a child robbed his cat's tail of hair in order to make a paint brush and sketched with remarkable skill the face of his sleeping sister.

Again, we should get an education, for it is that which develops our powers, our talents, and makes us better able to fill creditably our place. The good of education consists not merely in the learning acquired, but also in the development and training of the faculties by which a degree of perfection in work is reached that cannot be attained through any other means. Duty demands our best in whatever we pursue. However, in receiving an education we should seek to have the moral and spiritual side of our beings developed along with the intellectual, otherwise education is only one-sided, but by developing all our faculties we obtain a symmetrical and well rounded out education.

If a man is inclined to be a rascal and receives merely development of intellect he becomes a slicker rascal. If the moral and spiritual nature of Bonaparte had not been neglected, what a saving to the world in blood and treasure there would have been. Merely intellectual culture made him a

military prodigy and a thing of horror.

(Concluded next month.)



### Conservatory of Music.

February 24, Director Oldham, of the Conservatory, opened the new pipe organ in the St. Paul's U. B. Church, Hagerstown, Md. The church was crowded to the doors, and Prof. Oldham was honored with the largest, most appreciative, and best pleased audience that ever attended an organ recital in the town.

March 11 the Operatic Recital was held in the College Chapel. As was predicted, this was the finest recital yet given. While every number was a gem we will not be considered partial if we particularly notice the two vocal numbers of Mrs. H. U. Roop, "Ernani" and the "Barcarolle" from Gounod's opera "Polyeucte;" Prof. Oldham's piano solo "Faust," and the overture from "Zampa" by Prof. Oldham and Miss Mabel Mandbeck and Miss Royer. Miss Battendorf played the second piano to Prof. Oldham's first in Thalhey's "Norma," and the recital closed with a fine rendering of the Misserere scene from Trovatore. The audience was largely in excess of any attending the recitals, the Chapel was crowded.

The next recital by the Music Conservatory will be about May 6.

The Conservatory will give the closing concert, Monday evening in commencement week, and the Conservatory class of '99 will hold its commencement on Tuesday afternoon of the same week.

Director Oldham, assisted by Mrs. H. U. Roop, will give a recital in Myerstown, April 1. Prof. Oldham plays for the literary society's anniversary at Avon, April 8.



### Senior Dinner.

The dinner given to the Senior class on Wednesday evening, March 22, by their classmate, H. M. Imboden, was an elaborate affair. Upon arriving at the hotel in cabs the Seniors were ushered into the parlor where a short time was spent in conversation. At 9.30 they entered the banquet hall, while Prof. Nagle's orchestra played one of its best marches. The table was beautifully decorated. The class colors were displayed in large satin ribbon bows, while everywhere smilax and the Daisy abounded in profusion.

The menu was excellent, containing the latest and most popular dishes.

Mr. J. S. Stehman presided very ably as toastmaster. He introduced Mr. I. E. Runk, who responded to the toast, "The Girls of '99." Miss Shelley responded to the toast, "The Boys of '99," and Mr. H. E. Miller responded to "All of Us Ten Years Hence."

## Sophomore Rhetoricals.

The first division of the Sophomore class appeared before the public for the first time on Saturday evening, March 4. Two weeks later, March 18, the second division made its first appearance.

The Sophomore class is one of the largest in the College, and its eight ministers of the Gospel add much to its dignity. The class made a favorable impression on the audience.

The programs follow:

## FIRST DIVISION.

Invocation.

Piano Duet—"Spanish Dance,"  
   *Moskowski*

Ruth Leslie, Prof. Oldham.

Oration—The Soldiers in Blue,  
  *S. Edwin Rupp*

Biography—Gladstone,  
   *C. A. Sollenberger*

Oration—Finding Our Place,  
   *William S. Roop*

Vocal Solo—"Come Live With Me,"  
   *Hattie S. Shelly*

Oration—Education and Statesmanship,  
   *S. F. Daugherty*

Oration—God Owns the Sea,  
   *F. S. Douglass*

Essay—The Real Teacher,   *Annie Loos*  
Vocal Duet—"The Rising Tide,"  
   *Coldecott*

Lillie Kreider, I. E. Runk.  
Oration—The Ship Sails On,  
   *Harry H. Yohe*

Essay—An Old Landmark,   *Susie Moyer*  
Oration—America's Opportunity,  
   *R. R. Butterwick*

Piano Solo—"The Last Hope,"   *Gotschalk*  
   *Mabel Manbeck*.

## SECOND DIVISION.

Invocation.

Piano Solo—(a) "Mazurka,"   *Chopin*  
(b) "Mazurka,"   *Goddard*

Prof. H. Oldham.

Oration—The Peril of Prosperity,  
   *A. Garfield Smith*

Essay—Christians in Turkey,  
   *Karnig Kuyoomjian*

Eulogy—Thomas Henry Burrows,  
   *Cyrus W. Waughtel*

Vocal Solo—Selected,  
   *W. H. Lineaweaver*

Essay—Some National Evils,  
   *Emma Loos*

Eulogy—John Jacob Glossbrenner,  
   *Frank B. Emenheiser*

Oration—The Neglected Educator,  
   *M. C. Brunner*

Vocal Solo—"Angel Land,"   *Pinsuti*  
   *Reba Lehman*.

Eulogy—Nelson Dingley,   *W. S. Roop*

Biography—James Whitcomb Riley,  
   *Elizabeth Hutter Marshall*

Oration—Unforgotten Deeds,  
   *Thos. F. Miller*

Vocal Solo—Selected,  
   *W. H. Lineaweaver*



"Tut."—You may rave over your  
black horse Charlie, but give me  
my gray Bill every time.



## Not Returnable by Mail.

They had a quarrel and she sent  
His letters back next day.  
His ring and all his presents went  
To him without delay;  
"Pray send my kisses back to me"  
He wrote, "How could you forget  
em?"  
She answered speedily that he  
Must come himself and get them.  
—Selected.

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### EDITORIALS.

THE Winter term has been a progressive period in the history of the college. The Music Department thro the efforts of the Director, has come to the front. In the Science Department, by the careful management of the Professor in charge, a dynamo has been added to its equipment. The progress made by the Literary Societies was evident to all who attended the meetings. Equal to the literary and material improvements has been the moral developments. The Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the prayer meetings have been characterized by good attendance and effective work.

ALL the leading powers of the world have responded to the Czar's plea for disarmament. Representatives in some countries, have been appointed, and a conference will convene at The Hague in May. The subject to be considered will be a weighty one. It will not be war, with all its bloodshed and death. The nations have learned enough of that. Neither will it be peace, for that will follow the laying down of arms. It will be the consideration of the establishment of an International Court, to be presided over by a judge, appointed by the nations; who shall hold his position for life.

There is no reason why difficulties between nations can not be settled in the same way that difficulties between individuals are settled.

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OF THE two great sources,—observation and experience—from each of which issue forth streams of knowledge to the thirsty mind of the individual, the former source is by far superior to the latter in the amount of information which it sends forth. Although the Book of Nature has been open to inspection in every century, yet for two thousand years inquiry was suppressed, due to the warfare which existed between science and the Scriptures; and only within the last few years comparatively has the research been renewed. The

Divine Creator has penned upon the pages of the Book of Nature a "various language," which should be studied as much as possible by each one. But to interpret this living and universal language it is necessary that we learn the principles of the Science of Observation and only then will we understand the philosophy of nature. To the unobserving mind nature has but little inspiration, for she offers herself in the negative, and only by close observation can the laws which govern her be ascertained. Ere long nature will clothe herself again in a new garb, and a close study of the latter will form an excellent supplement to our knowledge. It was not uncommon for one to teach the entire realm of science, but since observation has been reduced to a science there are specialists in nearly every phase of nature. The fields of observation have been greatly augmented as well as the observers, the results of whose labors are already amazing.



#### Opening—Spring Term.

At this writing the Spring Term is opening briskly with about 30 new students and nearly all the old ones returned.

Many of the students assembled in the Chapel on Tuesday, 1.30 p.m. The schedule of recitations was announced and lessons assigned for the following day.

On Wednesday morning almost the entire student body assembled in the chapel. After devotional exercises, Bishop Kephart addressed the students. He spoke in his usual style, adding to his advice, wit and humor. Among other things, he said, "Success in life depends on yourself. The elements of success must be in you. You must be right. A good hickory axe handle can not be made of bass-wood. First: Start right. He who does not start right can not end right. It is more difficult to unlearn than to learn a thing. Men of equal ability are not always equally successful; If your methods of study has not led you to success, take up a new; The little things defeat men in life. Second: Be content; Nobody likes a grumbler and faultfinder; Cultivate a sweet disposition.

Third: Have a degree of self-confidence; Be not egotistic; Be self-reliant; Have opinions of your own, but do not shape your opinions by your likes and dislikes. Base them upon sound judgment. Be sure in your studies to master what you have before you. You are studying for eternity."



**A FITTING REWARD.**—She : "Israels, Abe vas het of his klasses all veeks, what shall ve gives him !!"

"Let him schmells at dis here oranges avhile vich Yocobs gave me."

**Sketch of Dr. Funkhouser's Address.**

1. God has a larger purpose for each one of you than any of you could guess with the wildest guess. Examples: Paul, Napoleon, Lincoln, all lives.

2. Place from which you are called has nothing to do in determining what you shall be. Illustration, Nathaniel's saying of Christ in respect to Nazareth.

3. Place to which God calls you has nothing to do in what God can make of you. God has given you a divine plan if you have ears to hear and hearts to obey.

The impure thoughts you hide from your faculty and fellow students will ruin you. There is nothing covered which shall not be revealed. Illustrated by the eagle falling to the ground lifeless, because a weasel had fastened its fangs into the breast of the bird before he flew away and thus sucked out the life blood, so the impure thoughts. Beware! Shut off the acquaintances of one who persists in telling stories. Some one entered the room once upon a time and said, "There are no ladies present, I have a good story to tell you." Gen. Grant being present, answered, "No, but there are some gentlemen present."

Take care of your body. Take plenty of fresh air in your rooms day and night. Make for yourselves good lungs. I furnish my students with dumb bells to exer-

cise. Run five minutes every day. It would not hurt you ladies to run five minutes every day with your mouth closed. Then in case of an emergency you will be prepared. A man the other day ran to make the train, he fell dead,—heart trouble.

One more thing, Christian colleges depend not only upon the president and faculty, but upon each one of you.

Confront the sinner with personal salvation. Get in the habit for personal work. We are expansionists now, so are all Americans. No reason why L. V. C. should not be one of the greatest colleges in the State.

Most of you are from the country—a good sign. Closed with an extract from DeMott, followed by great applause.

**Y. W. C. A.**

On the 13th and 14th of March the Y. W. C. A. was favored by a visit of the State College Secretary of the Association, Mrs. Lowry, whose helpful suggestions and sweet personality contributed to a pleasant and encouraging start of the term's work.

The beginning of the term was marked, also, by an election of new officers: President, Nora E. Spayd; vice president, Reba Lehman; corresponding secretary, Lillie Kreider; recording secretary, Nellie Buffington; treasurer, Susie Moyer; FORUM correspondent, Enid Daniel.

## Y. M. C. A.

We are glad to note that the students are being convinced that there is nothing that needs to be developed more than a true Christian character. We may live in sin in college, but its influence will be felt in our lives for years after we have left the sacred halls of learning.

Some men say that it is harder to live a Christian at college than anywhere else. Do we all agree? The complaint is that they are surrounded with so many more temptations. It is not the many temptations that make it seem hard, but the peculiarity of them. Young men are tempted in entirely different ways from those at home. And only as they, by sincere trust in God, overcome these temptations are they strengthened in their Christian characters. Shall we then thrust ourselves into temptations? Not at all; these trials must come to test our lives sometimes, and a young man is nowhere more able to overcome them than in a Christian institution, where he mingles with men who are lingering in struggles similar to his own, and where his associations with young men of God make his pathway one of peace and joy.

Many I say have been enjoying the riches of the Sabbath afternoon meetings and all the blessings that God through this medium gives to his children. We long to grasp

the hand of every student and welcome him to our ranks.



## Among the Societies.

CLIONIAN.

*Virtude et Fide.*

EMMA R. BATDORF, '99.

Although thus far we have had a successful year yet it is true we have come short of our goal. Another term has opened, many of us have but a short time to spend in our society hall. Next school year will find some of us in new fields. Should we not put forth every effort to make the Clonian Literary Society what we want it to be—what we think it should be? We can not accomplish this through indifference, but by being faithful workers, being present at every meeting and by never shirking duty. These are some of the things all of us must do and by so doing we cannot help but become a most successful organization.

Miss Nora Spayd was elected a member of our society. We all feel encouraged and are glad to have her name enrolled as an active member of the society. We sincerely hope that this term many will be willing to join and take part in this work.

An interesting feature this month was a musical program. The selections were taken from Chopin

and Mendelssohn. Several of the girls read interesting papers on the lives of these composers.

The joint session with our Kalo brothers, March 3, was very interesting. All who took part were very well prepared.

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KALOZETEAN.

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*Palma non sine Pulvere.*

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W. J. SANDERS, '03, EDITOR.

Another term of our College year has swiftly passed by and we can scarcely realize that we have already entered the last term of this Collegiate year.

Looking back over our work as students most of us feel gratified at the results of our arduous labors in every department of the work, but feel especially pleased with our achievements in the literary society.

As a society we have made rapid strides both in improving our opportunities for development along literary lines and in the upbuilding of K. L. S. by adding new names to the roll of the society. Among others who have joined and have been proposed for membership is Mr. Don Thelo Stees, of Harrisburg, the foot ball and base ball coach of our school. To him as well as to all others who may desire to enter the open door of K. L. S. we say, "Welcome, and God speed in your work."

On Friday evening, March 10, the joint session of C. L. S. and

K. L. S. was held in the former's hall. The program proved to be one of the best rendered there this year. Each number was carefully prepared and every production was well rendered. The debate, "Resolved, That Modern Civilization is Conducive to the Prolongation of Life," was exceedingly interesting and warmly discussed.

The joint session for the spring term will be held on Friday evening, April 14. Both societies extend a most hearty welcome to the newcomers to attend this meeting, feeling that they will be benefitted both along social and intellectual lines.

The ballot for officers for the spring term was recently cast and the following members were elected: President, A. G. Smith; vice president, D. E. Long; recording secretary, W. Balsbaugh; corresponding secretary, M. Smeltzer; chaplain, J. Graybill; librarian, C. E. Roudabush; critic, J. D. Stehman; censor, A. E. Schroyer.

The twenty-second anniversary of the Kalozetean Literary Society will be held in the College Chapel, on Friday evening, April 7, the exercises commencing at 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

During the past term we have been visited by many of the ladies of the school and also by some of our Philo. brethren. To these we

say we feel honored by their presence and encouraged to do our best in society work by the words of praise that fell from their lips, and hope they may not discontinue their visits for they will ever find a welcome in the K. L. S. hall.

To the new students we would say, "Come and see us and we will do thee good;" and if perchance you should wish to join us in our noble work, you will find us ever ready to help you to improve this golden opportunity of your college life.

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PHILOKOSMIAN.

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*Esse Quam Videri.*

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RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

There has been no meeting of the society for several weeks on account of the lecture and concert.

The executive committee has arranged a legislative program for Friday evening, April 14; the meeting will represent a session of the State legislature and each member of the society will act as a representative from some county. Mr. C. E. Snock has been appointed to prepare and present a bill to the legislature. Much interest is being manifested and it is earnestly hoped that there will be no deadlock.



"Clipp" thinks because he has a Daniel he has the whole kingdom of Israel.

Personals.

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Rev. Parker, field secretary of Philamoth College, Oregon, conducted the Chapel exercises, March 8.

Miss Sarah Roop, of Highspire, was the guest of her friends and relatives at the College for several days.

Revs. Mr. Eshleman and Mr. Beveridge were welcome visitors at Chapel, Wednesday morning, March 9.

Rev. Mr. Spayd, pastor of the First U. B. Church, at York, was the guest of his daughter, Nora, a member of the class '00, on Monday, March 6.

Dr. Funkhouser, senior professor of Union Biblical Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, gave an interesting address to the student body on the 6th. A sketch of his address is given in another column.

Dr. Roop preached at Mechanicsburg on the 5th, at Gordenville on the 12th, at Lebanon on the 19th, at which place Mrs. Roop sang at the service.

Prof. Daugherty and wife spent Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, with her parents at Highspire.

Rev. Joseph Daugherty and wife of Baltimore, spent several days with his friends and relatives at College during the early part of the month.

Miss Hattie Shelley and A. G. Smith were confined to their rooms several days with the mumps.

Among the visitors at College, Sunday, March 12, were Misses Kate Sweigert and Anna Warnel, of Schuylkill Haven; Kate Barr and Laura Keiper, of Elizabethville, and Mrs. Don H. Stees, of Harrisburg.

Rev. C. W. Brubaker, pastor of the U. B. Church, Canton, O., was a visitor at the College.

Prof. Daugherty preached at Steelton, Sunday, March 19.

A. R. Clippinger visited his brother, W. G. Clippinger, from Friday until Monday, March 17-20.

S. D. Miller, of Manheim, was a guest of his friends and relatives on College Avenue, last week.

W. O. Jones, who has been absent from College several months, has returned and will resume his work in the Senior class.

Dr. Roop attended the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia Conferences. He reports much enthusiasm and encouraging support for the College.

Prof. Spangler filled the pulpit of Rev. Harry Miller, of West Lebanon, Sunday evening, March 19.

Rev. Mr. Brownmiller was the guest of his son, Luther, Wednesday, March 22.

Messrs. Roop, Sanders, Gass, Oyer, Burtner, Reider, Light and Yohe were entertained in a royal manner by their friend Morris Brightbill, at his farm a few miles from town, on March 8.

The lecture by Charles H. Fraser on Friday evening, March 10, and the Eldredge Concert Company on March 17, were both attended by large and appreciative audiences. The lecture committee deserves great praise for the excellent entertainment they have furnished us this year. The course will end with a lecture by Russell H. Conwell, on April 5.



#### Alumni Notes.

John E. Kleffman, '89, was elected a trustee of the College by the Pennsylvania Conference to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. I. H. Albright.

C. E. Geyer, '82, of Catawissa, Pa., was recently called to Annville owing to the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rudolph Herr.

Chas. E. Rauch, '81, merchant at Lebanon, Pa., is taking an active part in the organization of a Y. M. C. A. in that city.

Daniel D. Keedy, '78, the enterprising merchant at Keedysville, Md., was in attendance at the Maryland Conference.

S. K. Wine, '81, closed a successful revival at Staunton, Va.

H. B. Dohner, '78, in his tour around the world, is conducting the conference in Germany for Bishop Kephart.

Samuel H. Stein, of the class of '92 in music, has been elected pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Oscar E. Good, '94, of Progress, Pa., has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Steelton High School on account of the resignation of Miss Ida M. Ebert.

Dr. H. B. Stehman, '73, superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill., was recently in the east visiting relatives and friends.

Prof. J. T. Spangler, '90, attended the sessions of the Maryland Conference.

E. S. Bowman, '90, and W. H. Washinger, '91, were each returned for the sixth year to Mechanicsburg and Chambersburg respectively by the Pennsylvania Conference.

C. S. Huber, '92, attorney-at-law, delivered an address to the students of Western College, on Washington's Birthday.

G. K. Hartman, '94, was assigned to Carlisle circuit by the Pennsylvania Conference.

Lillie J. E. Rice, '92, has a number of private students on the piano at her home.

C. A. Burtner, '78, was returned to Otterbein Church, Harrisburg.

Allen U. Baer, '98, resigned his pastorate at Milton, Pa., and joined Rock River Conference.

Jos. Daugherty, '89, and Jay W. Yohe, '98, attended the lecture of Chas. Fraser on March 10, in the College Chapel.

Miss Minnie E. Weinman, '93, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., recently visited friends in Annville.

E. O. Burtner, '90, visited the College last week.

Rev. John H. Graybill, '72, is succeeding very well as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at St. Mary's, Pa.

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### Athletics.

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Coach Stees is taking advantage of the weather and has his men on the field practicing for the base ball season.

On April 8 a game will be played with the Franklin and Marshall team on the home grounds.

We are sorry to note the departure of Mr. Frank Douglass. He has made a fine athletic record and we hope that he may be with us again next year.

A program has been arranged for an entertainment to be given in the interest of athletics at the beginning of this term.

**Easter Tidings.**

H. E. SPESSARD.

Says I to dad at Easter,  
We'll send our Had a box;  
We'll captivate a rooster  
As sly as any fox.

An' then I'll boil 'im done,  
An' put some fillin' in;  
I know he'll have some fun  
A gnawin' at his shin.

I'll bake a choc'late cake  
An' smear the icin' on,  
An' then the rooster stake  
'Ill plase our only son.

Fur students thar at school  
Don't git a treat like that;  
They're treated mighty cool,  
Fur Had is niver fat.

You know how roun' he war  
Las' faul afore he went,  
An' now he says he's squar,  
An' feels a little bent.

They say they niver rest  
On ham an' eggs an' sich,  
An' so they say it's best  
To give 'em bread an' fitch.

Had says he's larning', thogh,  
So then it makes no difs  
If Had must lif on dough,  
Jes' so's the rascal lifs.

Folkes niver know  
Wat lads go thru at school;  
They're sometimes made a show,  
An' other times a fool.

But Had was niver sick,  
He's made of better stuf;  
He's used to ham and fitch  
An' handlin' pritty ruf.

The train's a blowin' dad,  
So take the box an' run  
An' send my love to Had  
Our hungry little son.

**Exchanges.**

We welcome many new exchanges to our desk for the March issue. Many of them are full of good reading material for college students, and are made attractive to all classes by many excellent stories, as well as clever jokes and witty sayings. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men." But when some papers crowd out the literary pages by as many and even more pages filled with many sayings that may pass as apologies for jokes, we advise them to study the true meaning of wit, and not try to deceive intelligent people by printing them under some catchy head, which is so bad a misnomer. We are glad to say, however, that there are but few which need criticism along this line.

"The Dickinsonian" is to be especially commended for its real literary worth. We make mention of an article in its March issue which is especially interesting on account of its practical value, "Arithmetic in the Preparatory School." The author has the right conceptions of the proper methods of teaching arithmetic in preparatory schools, so as to place the student on the proper foundation for higher mathematics in college work.

The poetry in "The Eatonian" is well worthy of commendation; and we take liberty to say that this particular phase in literary produc-

tions should be encouraged in all our college papers.

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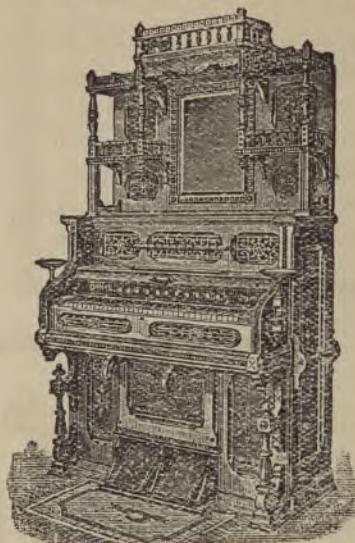
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## The Anglo-American Alliance.

E. M. BALSBAUGH, '01.

Although our ears may still be ringing with the discordant sounds of clashing steel, our eyes, looking toward the hidden future through the spreading smoke of recent conflicts, are dazzled by the lustre of the "star of hope" shining on a happy and fast consummating reconciliation of the most noble and worthy race that ever trod the earth.

There has always been a deep undercurrent of affection and friendship flowing through the breasts of the majority of the inhabitants of the sea-girt kingdom for their kin on this side the broad Atlantic, notwithstanding the jealousy and avariciousness of a few of their haughty rulers; and at the present day it is the highest ambition which pervades every hearth from the meanest hovel in all the kingdom to the Queen upon her throne. The most recent demonstration of England's good will toward us was afforded by the Spanish-American War. The unparalleled victories achieved by the

American army and navy were celebrated with such magnificence in London and other English cities that they rivaled those of our own land, and the name of that greatest of all naval heroes, the peerless Admiral George Dewey, is held in the same veneration by the English as that of their own beloved Nelson.

The Anglo-Saxon race has always been the predominant branch of the human family. Today it is represented by all the nations that are emblematical of everything that is pure, noble, refined, civilized and christianized. England and America as the leading representatives of this race, have an unquestionable right to stand forth as the Mecca toward which all liberty loving patriots may turn with as true devotion as sworn Musselman ever turns his face toward the city of his great chief. To maintain this position it is highly necessary that they be bound in firmest alliance. England has been unjustly accused of seeking this alliance through selfish motives. True it is that she has vital interests at stake, but America's are equally as important.

It is only by supporting these in conjunction with mutual interests that they can become firm friends.

England has done much in recent years to gain our friendship. With a spirit which was as a stranger to English haughtiness, she acknowledged America's right to interfere in the Venezuela controversy by virtue of the Monroe Doctrine. Now it is America that needs an ally. For we are entering upon a new policy, which, either for good or evil, involves a much closer connection than has hitherto existed between the fortunes of our Republic and the complications of European politics. No ally will be so valuable and at the same time so harmless as England. Why then, should we not sanction an intimate relation with her? Are we not bound by a common origin, language, literature, and by common interests? Do we not cherish the same lofty ideals and motives for worthy actions? Is England not worthy of our friendship? No nation has done more than she to diffuse light into the dark corners of the earth, and to supplant barbarism with religion and civilization. But, if oft in accomplishing this, she has served her own purposes with rough disregard for the feelings of others, on the whole she has served mankind in general. If there is to be any censure placed upon her, we must be sharers of her mortification, for our fortunes are inevitably linked

with hers. There are those who would deny that we are as one; yet if they will trace the lineage of the American people, they will be compelled to acknowledge the fact that currents of Anglo-Saxon blood are flowing in channels broad and deep, over every hill and through every dale of our happy land, and that it is Anglo-Saxon genius which is enacting our laws, ruling our country, and carrying our starry banner, with its ample folds, to succor the oppressed in every clime. The rich legacy of this blood bequeathed to us by the pious Pilgrims and modest Quakers has not been absorbed by the Latin and Celtic overflows from Europe.

We, as a nation, have many questions of vital importance confronting us in conjunction with England, but the great, momentous issue, which lies behind the curtain about to rise and present the scenes of the new century, is nothing less than whether in the latter half of the next era, Anglo-America or Russian Supremacy is to control the destinies of the nations of the world. We are all well aware of the results attendant to either, and as Anglo-Saxons we owe it to ourselves, to our fellowmen, and above all to our Creator that we maintain our supremacy and thus avert the greatest calamity that could ever befall man.

America and England share equal alarm and the gravest apprehension as they contemplate the dangers

of the present system of the dismemberment of China. They perceive that inevitably this must lead to war and the destruction of trade and commerce which would forever bar out the hope of regenerating a people, whose civilization was already hoary with age at the time of the birth of Christ. For commerce has always been the van-guard of missionary movements and the bearer of the gospel of peace to the weary nations.

Both governments desire to see this hermit of nations penetrated to its most remote recesses by railroads and telegraph, by factories and machinery. Neither would take the advantage of the power of such an alliance to seize this people's soil; but they demand, and will have the hitherto door of exclusion opened wide to the fleets of all nations. Poor, bleeding, dying China can not be aided by war and anarchy. What she needs is a flourishing commerce.

The Czar of Russia's universal peace proposal or disarmament plan is but a pretense by which he expects to gain time and funds with which to complete the Trans-Siberian railway. This railroad being completed he will be all powerful in the East. England's fleet will then avail her nothing. The Czar will be in complete control and the trade of China must be carried on in accordance with his conditions. If opposed in any way, he can flood the country with his troops as once

the Russian hordes overran the devoted plains of Poland, America and England then have just reasons for their fear as to the result of this Eastern question. They must hazard all to maintain their lead in commercial circles, and well for them if their political ideas of national intercourse are in unison. There remains but one barrier to the formation of a defensive alliance between these two great nations. The American protective theory and the English free-trade principles alone are antagonistic, and have been alike condemned by the ablest men of the two countries. It is altogether probable that in the near future they will compromise and adopt the principle of tariff for revenue only. But the Alliance, which must be the outcome of these concessions will always be a defensive one. They will draw their swords only to keep the peace and for the righteous defence of that heritage which they have received through suffering and trial, through weal and woe. America and England, acting in unison, can dictate peace to the rest of the world. At their command the Czar of Russia must lift his glutinous hand from the fertile vales of China; the Sultan of Turkey nourish the soil of his domain with a far less precious fluid than the blood of the innocent Armenians; the Frenchman loose his death grip on the throat of the Jew; the whole world throw off

its vice and degradation and be lifted to a higher plane of civilization and enlightenment; while over all shall float the glorious banners of America and England, baptized with the blood of patriots, shed in the attainment of the lofty stations.



### Christians In Turkey.

KARNIG M. KUYOOMJIAN, '01.

Early in the seventh century Mohammed, the prophet of Islam, sprang out of Arabia, who, inspired with a new faith and strong determination, persuaded many Arabians. And he said "Paradise will be found in the shadow of the crossing of swords." Soon after, his followers having formed an immense army, marched into Asia and Africa; this formidable force conquered the nations and laid waste the country. And it seemed as if even the European power would have had to yield to these barbarians, had they not been driven back by Charles Martel and Charlemagne.

Afterwards the Turks overpowered the Saracen empire and founded the Ottoman empire. One by one the powers of the Eastern empire both in Asia and Europe fell into their hand. In 1453, A. D., they destroyed the walls of Constantinople and conquered the Byzantine empire. Thus the Ionian Greeks who emigrated to the western part of Asia Minor and brought with them their civilization and educa-

tion, now fell under the subjection of the Turkish Empire. Even at the present time the Greeks predominate in that part of the country.

Armenians who were subdued in 1374, A. D., owing to the persecution by the Turks left their native home and scattered all over Asia Minor. At the present time Greeks and Armenians compose the important portion of the population of Turkey. These christians representing different nationalities, mostly live in cities. Today in Constantinople, in Smyrna, as well as in other parts of the country you will find the Christians holding a very important position in business and commercial affairs. They, as agents, deal very much with Europe. Even they are more suitable for any position in the government than the Turks; but they do not have the same opportunities to get it. The Turks are very ignorant of mathematics, science and art. In their schools for years and years they teach nothing but the Koran written by Mohammed, to whose false teachings and conceptions they are bound so strongly that education and civilization can hardly bring them under their influence. And the majority of the people do not know how to read their own language. In view of these things we can never call the Turks a civilized nation. It is the christian civilization which makes Turkey a civilized country. Take out the

Christians from Turkey; cut off its relations with Europe; leave the Turk alone with his barbarous people, and he will become the most barbarous of nations.

Turkey without Christians and christian civilization is dead. And it has nothing of its own but its superstitions and bloody people who have been noted only for the destruction of what others had built before them.

Though the education is not so far advanced among the Christians; yet the source and principles of it are there. They have common schools in every city and town. There are still some Monastaries in which young men are taught and prepared to teach in schools and to hold offices in church. To-day a great improvement could be made in educational lines, if the Turkish government would not interfere. Indeed it is responsible for the ignorance of the poor Christians, who are always ready to accept enlightenment. Armenians and Greeks are the first nations who accepted Christianity. In the beginning they were united as one church, but for various reasons, in 491, A. D., they were separated. And now they stand apart, although there is not much difference in their constitution and mode of worshipping. Each church is under the control of Archbishops, Bishops and Priests. They have supreme power in the church, and the people respect them very much.

They regard themselves the representatives of Jesus Christ, but they can hardly realize it, and in many respects they are not true to their calling. The people under their misconduct still remain superstitious and ignorant of the Bible. They in general know very little of what the true Christian religion is; but they possess a strong faith by which they have been able to stand firm for the protection of their church after many persecutions and sufferings. It is not an easy matter for the Christians to uphold their faith among the Turks, who, since they have gotten possession of Asia Minor and a part of Europe, have been oppressing the innocent and unprotected Christians, and are trying to destroy them.

Today the ruins of the old churches all over the land, which are engraved in the rocks of the mountains and have many dark rooms and secret roads leading to these rooms, still show what a miserable life Christians endured in order to worship God and their Savior Jesus Christ.



Citizen—"Colonel, I want to ask you about that Patrick Henry you were alludin' to in your speech; the one that said 'Give me liberty or give me death.' "

Candidate—"What about him?"

Citizen—"Did he get his divorce?"—Puck.

**Finding Our Place.**

W. O. ROOP, '01.

(Continued from last month.)

Training of intellect gives strength to do the work, but moral and spiritual training directs that strength aright.

In deciding upon an occupation we should be governed not merely by our wishes. A decision made from desire alone stands on a selfish basis. A man may have a strong desire to become a lawyer or a doctor and yet lack the essential qualifications.

If one should conclude to enter the profession of law under such circumstances, his chances of success are meagre. In the decision we should be governed by duty and principle rather than by desire. It is our duty to society and to God to fill the place for which He has fitted us, because in that place we can best serve both; it is there we can do the most good and the better we serve God and humanity the better we serve ourselves.

The path of duty and not of pleasure is the path of safety and the true road to nobility and usefulness.

By looking about us we can see the results of not finding one's right place. There are misfits in every profession. There are men behind the plough who ought to be in the pulpit; there are men in the pulpit who should be wielding the pick.

There are men in that noblest of callings, the profession of teaching, who could accomplish more good with the trowel. This is manifest by the sad failures in these various pursuits.

This story, full of meaning and good common sense, is told of a young minister who made a failure.

One day while seated in his study and buried in thought, his old grandmother anticipating the subject of his meditation said to him, "John, what induced you to enter the ministry?" "Well," said John, "I felt called to the ministry." "But, John," remarked the aged one, "do you not think it was some other noise you heard?" and the unhappy man was silent.

There is a growing tendency to leave the manual pursuits to enter the professions, regardless of natural qualifications. Men seem to forget there is just as much honor and dignity to the greasy hand as to the one which enveloped with kid gracefully flourishes a cigar in our legislative halls.

Seemingly there are those who would rather starve in the professions than to prosper by honest toil.

We are all dependent beings, dependent upon God, dependent upon one another. "No man liveth to himself neither dieth to himself," so we may aptly compare society to great number of small cogwheels joined and revolving together; each man represents a fac-

tor in this vast number, and the greater number of wheels out of place, the greater will be the friction in society as these wheels revolve. Surely remorse stares in the face the man who is apprized of the fact that he has missed his calling in life, he naturally thinks of lost opportunities, of the good he might have accomplished had he found his place, but it is too late; the best years of his life are spent.

Remorse produces unhappiness and if we are unhappy it is exceedingly difficult to make others happy, because we manifest our feelings and dispositions in our actions and bearings toward those with whom we come into contact.

Some persons can appear happy under all circumstances, but they are the few. As we make some unhappy they in turn make others unhappy, and thus the influence may pervade the whole wheel of society. Unhappiness is one of the most contagious maladies that afflicts humanity.

There is a vast difference between real, true living and mere existence, and there is no place in which we can live so well as in the place for which God has designed us, for in that place alone can we accomplish the best, the highest, the noblest in life.



Indispensible to a deck of cards  
—Hartz (s).

### Personals.

Rev. Russel H. Conwell delivered his popular lecture, "The Jolly Earthquake," on April 5, before a large and appreciative audience. This was the last lecture of the course and the society desires to thank its many friends for their liberal patronage.

A very pleasant wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. H. L. Eichinger, in Annville, on Thursday evening, April 20, at 6 o'clock. The groom, Mr. George A. Meyers, is a brother to Mrs. Eichinger, and the bride was Miss Amanda J. Rudisill. Rev. Eichinger was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Nellie Buffington spent Easter at her home in Elizabethville, Dauphin county.

Mr. Seth Light, 'oo, entertained a number of his friends at his home at Avon, Wednesday evening, March 29.

Bishop Kephart started for Atlanta, Ga., last week, where he intends spending several weeks. He will return by way of Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. C. Whitney, Field Secretary of the U. B. Mission Board, conducted Chapel services one morning in the early part of last month.

Prof. Spangler preached in Trinity U. B. Church, Lebanon, Sunday, April 23.

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Prof. B. F. Daugherty preached two sermons at the College Day exercises at New Cumberland, Sunday, April 23.

Mr. W. N. Decker, principal of the Macungie High School, paid a visit to his many friends at L. V. C. on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23.

President and Mrs. Roop were in attendance at the Woman's Missionary Convention at Penbrook, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20.

T. F. Miller and I. W. Huntzberger spent Sunday at Mr. Huntzberger's home in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county.

Miss Vallerschamp, of Millersburg, Dauphin county, spent several days with her sisters, Jennie and Clara, at College.

Mr. A. T. Sumner was the guest of W. G. Clippinger, Sunday, April 23, at Orrstown, Pa.

Misses Mary and Lillie Kreider and Mr. Sumner attended the convention of the East Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Missionary Association.

Sadness among the students was occasioned last Thursday morning when Pres. Roop announced the death of Frank J. Miller, of Berne, Pa. Mr. Miller came to us shortly after the opening of the present spring term, and though here but a short time we became greatly at-

tached to him. He graduated at the Hamburg High School and taught during this year near his native town. For the last several years his health became impaired by excessive work and his early death was largely due to this. He was a young man of exemplary character, a staunch Christian, and an untiring worker in the church.

In the words of the poet :

"Earth, let down thy softest mantle rest  
On this worn child to thee returning,  
Whose youth was nurtured at thy breast,  
Who loved thee with such tender yearning."



#### Alumni Notes.

Isaiah W. Sneath, '81, has resigned his charge of Wood Memorial Church, Cambridgeport, Mass., which he held for twelve years, and has accepted a call to the First Congregational Church, at Franklin.

Clinton J. Barr, '82, has been reappointed Highway Commissioner of Lebanon, Pa., an evidence of a faithful performance of his duties during the past year.

Geo. A. L. Kindt, '94, visited the College on April 4.

John A. Graybill, '71, of St. Mary's, Pa., and Wm. H. Kreider, '94, of Philadelphia, have recently visited their parents in our town.

Rev. Allen U. Baer, '90, of Rock River Conference, Ill., and Miss Bertha Mayer, '96, were recently married. The FORUM extends congratulations.

John D. Rice, '92, J. Henderson Kurtz, '84, and Craumer and Milliken, law partners of Pittsburg, Pa., remembered their alma mater by contributing to the telescope fund. Thanks to these generous gentlemen.

Prof. O. P. DeWitt, '98, principal of the schools of Royersford, Pa., gave the address before the Montgomery county P. O. S. of A. District Convention in that town on April 8. A large audience was present and his address was commented upon by the papers. He is very successful in his work.

Miss Minnie E. Weinman, '93, and William G. Lytle, both of Wilkinsburg, were married on the evening of April 25. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride.

Rev. Ira E. Albert and wife, '97, of Elizabethville, Pa., visited friends recently in Annville.

E. O. Burtner, '90, of Philadelphia, and Helen Rauch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rauch, of Lebanon, Pa., were married on April 27.

Mrs. C. B. Pennypacker, '93, visited her brother, J. D. Stehman, at the College on the 28th.

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She—"I wonder what makes the Mediterranean look so blue."

He—"You'd look blue if you had to wash the shores of Italy."  
—Selected.

### Commencement Week.

The exercises of Commencement Week will occur in the following order:

Friday, June 9th, 8 p. m.—President and Mrs. Roop's Reception to the Senior Class.

Saturday, June 10th, 7.30 p. m.—Junior Oratorical Contest.

Sunday, June 11.—Baccalaureate Discourse, 10 a. m., President Hervin U. Roop, Ph.D.; Address before the Christian Associations, 7.30 p. m., Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Monday, June 12—Conservatory Concert 7.30 p. m.

Tuesday, June 13th.—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees, 9 a. m.; Public Alumni Meeting, 7.30 p. m.; Alumni Banquet, 9.00 p. m.

Wednesday, June 14th.—Class Day Exercises, 2 p. m.; Graduating Exercises of the Department of Music, 7.30 p. m.

Thursday, June 15th.—Graduating Exercises of Class of '99, 10 a. m., Commencement Address, Dr. Wayland Hoyt, Philadelphia; Conferring of Degrees and Announcements; Reception by the Senior Class, 7.30 p. m.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the College and of education in general to attend these exercises. Railroad orders on the Cumberland Valley and Philadelphia and Reading Companies may be had by applying to President Roop.

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### EDITORIALS.

WE call attention to the program of exercises for Commencement Week, and especially the Conservatory of Music program. All persons having a taste for music and who have heard the excellent concerts and recitals during the year were greatly pleased, and we feel safe to say that the concert to be given during Commencement Week will surpass anything else given during the year. Great preparations also are being made by the Juniors in view of the Junior oratorical contest.

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EVIDENTLY China does not and cannot expect great results from

the peace conference to be held at The Hague this month. The very powers that proposed and seconded the idea of disarmament are today intruders upon China's soil, appealing to arms as the best argument to convince the Chinese that they are right. It is true that civilization should make marked progress in China but there are better methods than the one now used, which claims to have the best interests of China in view. The idea of universal peace could be understood better by the Chinese, if the great leading powers of Europe would give up their land grabbing policy.

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THE habit of systematic study is one of the most useful of the many good habits that should be formed by college students.

Systematic study adds to a student's ability to do work. Some students are always busy but accomplish very little because of their haphazard way of working. The man who is systematic in his work performs a great deal of work and yet has ample time for recreation. The knowledge of a work attempted and accomplished, during a limited time of a certain period of the day, has a gratifying influence upon the mind. The work becomes easier and more pleasant as this habit of systematic study grows. Thus this habit becomes an important factor of success.

SAYS Hazlitt : "There is nothing more to be esteemed than a manly firmness and decision of character. I like a person who knows his own mind and sticks to it ; who sees at once what, in given circumstances, is to be done, and does it."

Says Gilpin : "I hate to see things done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly ; if it be wrong, leave it undone."

Says Thomas Carlyle in his own forcible way: "The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping stone in the pathway of the strong."

These sayings are quoted here to show what thoughtful men have had to say on the great matter of decision. No man is weaker than the one who is unstable in all his ways, a reed shaken by the wind. He has no mind he can call his own, no fixed opinion, no firm resolution, no strong determination. Today he holds one opinion, tomorrow, another. He is driven about from one purpose to another, as is the chaff in a tempest.

We must distinguish between decision and stubbornness. One who resists all appeals to reason, and then boasts that he is firm, never gives up his opinions, such a one is stubborn and is to be despised. He has too little mind to change his opinion. It is characteristic of greatness to yield when there is a clear overpowering reason for yielding.

No words of Mr. Lincoln have been more quoted than these, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right."

The secret of many a man's failure in life is indecision. You all have seen those who were brilliant in mind, capable of achieving much, yet like the top that whirls round and round, accomplishing nothing. "The rolling stone gathers no moss," applies to the one who is continually wanting something new. To such, every effort is a failure and life becomes an absurdity.

Firmness is like everything else ; those who wish to develop this phase of character must pay attention to the small matters of life.

Let us study these noble lines of one of the English poets :  
 Thy purpose firm is equal to the deed,  
 Who does the best his circumstance al-  
 lows,  
 Does well ; acts nobly, angels could no  
 more.



#### Among the Societies.

CLIONIAN.

*Virtute et Fide.*

EMMA R. BATDORF, '99.

An interesting session was held with our Kalo brothers on April 14. We are sorry that this was the last session with the Kalos for this year.

The names of Misses Lena Owens, Bertha Blanche Barton, and Mary Minerva Zacharias, were enrolled as active members of our society.

On Friday evening, April 21st, Messrs. Irvin E. Runk and Harry M. Imboden visited our society.

A committee is making arrangements for holding a joint session with the Philokosmian Literary Society. Considerable interest is manifested, in view of this session.

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#### KALOZETEAN.

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*Palma non sine Pulvere.*

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R. D. BURTNER, '00, EDITOR.

Owing to the anniversary and the joint session with the Crios, there have been but two regular meetings held this month.

Our twenty-second anniversary was commemorated Friday evening, April 7. Although the weather was very inclement, the chapel was comfortably filled with Kalo friends to witness the event. The following is the program :

Music—Whistling Rufus, *Kerry Mills*  
Invocation.

Music—Love and Beauty Waltzes,  
*Armstrong.*

Address—By President, A. G. Smith, '01.  
Music—Martaneaux Overture, *Vernet.*

Oration—The Anglo-American Alliance,  
E. M. Balshaugh, '01.

Music—On Guard, *Armstrong.*  
Oration—Degradation of Modern Polities,

G. M. Miller, '99.

Music—Hot Corn, *Ono.*  
Oration—Parasitism, R. D. Burtner, '00.  
Music—Fortuna Waltz, *Armstrong.*  
Recitation—MacLaine's Child,  
H. E. Miller, '99.  
Music—But One Vienne, *Schrammel,*  
Music by Lebanon Banjo Club.

The event passed off successfully.

The joint session occurred April 14, and was a success in every respect. Kalos always hail with delight these events.

On the second Friday evening in May, (12), a mock trial will be held instead of the usual literary program. Interest has been increasing since preparation for this event was begun, and every member is eagerly anticipating this occasion.

During the month, the society has been growing in every direction.

Mr. Chas. Fisher, of Lebanon ; Mr. Edgar Martin, Harrisburg ; Mr. Russell Showers, Ontario, Canada, and Mr. Martin Nissley, of Derry Church, have joined the Kalos during the month of April.

The regular programs have been interesting, but there is room for improvement.

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#### PHILOKOSMIAN.

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*Esse Quam Videri.*

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RALPH D. REIDER, '00, EDITOR.

Society work is progressing finely. The meetings are full of interest, and the members seem determined to make everything they undertake a success.

The officers for the present term are as follows: President, Huntzberger, '99; V. President, Waugh tel, '01; Rec. Sec., Meyers, '00; Chaplain, Yoe, '01; Organist, C. V. Clippinger, '99; Janitor, Arnold.

An entirely new feature in society work was begun by our society, when, on Friday evening, April 14, a meeting was held in the form of a legislative session. Each member represented some county. Representative Light, of Lehigh, was elected Speaker; Yoe, of Union, Reading Clerk; Baish, of Adams, Journal Clerk, and Imboden, of Lebanon, Sergeant-at-Arms. After the appointment of the necessary committees, Representative C. E. Snoke, of Cumberland, introduced the following bill:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, in Legislature assembled, that hereafter it shall be unlawful to sell within the bounds of the State of Pennsylvania, any intoxicating or alcoholic liquors which shall be used by anyone for any other than medicinal purposes, and then only according to the prescription of a licensed physician.

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Section III. That any violation of this Act shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall for each separate offense be

punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for one year, or both, at the discretion of the court."

Representative Snoke presented some fine arguments in favor of his bill. After being discussed on both sides the bill passed by a vote of 21 to 16.

A ballot for United States Senator resulted as follows: Quay, 13; Jenks, 6; Dalzell, 3; Stewart, 18; no election.

Among the persons visiting the society during the month were the following: Prof. Oldham, Mrs. Roop, Miss Wolfe, Prof. and Mrs. Lehman, Misses Shelley, Shenk and Zacharias, and Messrs. Engle, Moyer and McCaskey.



#### Y. M. C. A.

The Association recently elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, H. E. Spessard; vice president, G. D. Light; secretary, M. W. Smeltzer, and treasurer, A. E. Shroyer.

President H. E. Spessard attended the annual conference of the Y. M. C. A. Presidents, at State College, on April 27th-30th.

April 15th, the Association in conjunction with the Y. W. C. A., gave a reception in the ladies' parlor, for the benefit of the many new students who entered the institution at the beginning of the Spring term.

The social committees were the means of providing excellent entertainment for the evening. Cakes and ice cream were served. The evening was spent in a sociable and profitable manner by all present.

We earnestly beg for the prayers and co-operation of all Christian young men, for the spiritual advancement of the association.



#### Conservatory of Music.

Prof. Oldham is making extensive preparations for the Commencement Week exercises of the Music Conservatory.

For Baccalaureate Sunday there will be a chorus of 40. Smart's Te Deum in F, and West's anthem "The Lord is Exalted," will be sung by the chorus.

The Conservatory concert will be given on Monday evening at 7.30. There will be several choruses. The graduates in music will each play a solo. There will be two piano quartettes, two duets for two pianos, and vocal solos and duets. This concert will be taken part in by the students of the Conservatory.

The music commencement will be Wednesday evening, 7.30. The graduates in this year's class are Miss Mabel Manbeck and Miss Mabel Royer, both of Lebanon, Pa. The program will be:

Piano—Concertstücke, *Weber*  
Mabel Royer.  
(Orchestral Parts on 2d Piano, Prof. Oldham.)

Vocal Duet—"Quis est Homo," *Rossini*  
Mrs. Roop, Hattie Shelley.

Piano Solo—(a) Nocturne, *Chopin*  
(b) At Evening, *Seiss*  
(c) La Fileuse, *Raff*  
(d) Faust Waltz, *Liszt*  
Mabel Manbeck.

Vocal Solo—Happy Days, *Strelegki*  
Anna Kreider.

(Violin Obligato, Fred Light.)

Piano Solo—(a) Sonata, Op. 13, *Beethoven*  
(b) Spring Song, *Hensell*  
(c) Novelette, *Schumann*  
(d) Love Song, *Liszt*  
Mabel Royer.

Vocal Quintette—Legends, *Mohring*  
Edith Grabill, Lillie Kreider, Reba  
Lehman, Anna Myers,  
Hattie Shelley.

Piano Solo—Concerto, Op. 25, *Mendelssohn*  
Mabel Manbeck.

(Orchestral Parts on 2d Piano, Prof. Oldham.)

Conferring of Diplomas, Pres. H. U. Roop



An honest old blacksmith in Texas despairing of ever getting cash out of a delinquent debtor, agreed to take his note for the amount due. The debtor wished to go to a lawyer and have the note drawn up, but the knight of the anvil, who had been a sheriff in days gone by, felt fully competent to draw it up himself. This he proceeded to do with the following result: "On the 1st day of June I promise to pay Jeems Nite the sum of eleving dollars, and if said note be not paid on date aforesaid, then this instrument is to be null and void and of no effect. Witness my hand, etc."

**Athletics.**

We are in the midst of the base ball season and with it have come successes and failures. The team is daily becoming stronger and we predict an honorable record for it at the close of the season.

Suits, of blue and white, have been purchased for the team, in which they present a fine appearance.

Games have been played with Franklin and Marshall and Mercersburg Colleges, and Franklin and Marshall Academy. The latter was interesting but rather one sided, our team winning in a score of 20 to 4.

A challenge for a base ball game was sent by the Seniors to the Juniors. The game was played on the 26. Class spirit which had been dormant for some time, now manifested itself again, though not to extremes. In a game of seven innings, in which were some "grand stand plays", the Juniors won by a score of 23 to 8.

A challenge has been sent by the Freshmen to the Sophomores.

**Foregone Conclusions.**

Hope—Spes.

Deserter—Valor Sham (Valler-champ).

Suffocator—Gass.

A Beagle hound—Huntz (s).

A lion charmer—Daniel.

Students lament—Old ham.

Defect of nature—Runt (k).

Latest slang—O. G.

Sister of Dido—Anna.

Mary's good-night—Steh-man!

Hero of a story—Davy.

A garden ornament—Spayd (spade).

Usesul on communion day—Wyne (wine).

The shepherd's enemy—Wolf(e)

Nickname for Bryant—Gray-bill.

A herd of cattle—Derry (dairy).

Resort for a tax collector—Sue.

A dam builder—Miller.

Not used in courting—Light.

Essential for a corn crib—Sheller (y).

The light of Africa—Sumner.

Major in the Revolution—Arnold.

Christian Endeavor Society—C. E. S.

The most innocent looking flower—Lilly (ie).

Contents of a swill barrel—Butter-milk (wick).

Something found in every town—Smith.

The sequence of thunder and lightning—Showers.

**A Day In May.**

H. E. SPESSARD, '00.

Let grandfather speak of his childhood games  
 And his frolics in days of yore,  
 Professors tell of the bliss they found  
 In mastering ancient lore ;  
 Let scientists speak of the lightnings of flash  
 As it servers the dark floating cloud,  
 When the leaves of the trees seem to tremble with fear  
 At the voice of the thunder so loud ;  
 Let the college boy wave his ribbons and cane  
 His cap and his handkerchief too,  
 When his own class is beaten and wiped off the earth  
 By a score of twenty to two ;  
 But give me a stroll in a lonely wood  
 On an afternoon in May,  
 When the air is filled with the songs of birds  
 And the squirrels are at their play ;  
 An hour or two with a maiden fair  
 With an innocent eye of blue,  
 With a smile that entreats the anxious youth  
 And a heart that is always true.  
 Not one whose life deception has marred  
 No matter how rosy she be ;  
 If the frost of deceit has bitten her heart  
 She is never the flower for me.

**Exchanges.**

The exchanges received by the editor during the last month contain many and exceedingly interesting articles.

I wish to call attention to an article found in "The Eatonian" entitled Walt Whitman. The author gives a brief account of the poet's life and clever estimate of his works. He says that "Whitman is essentially the most American poet. He discloses beauties and glories in his native soil un-

perceived by those who sang before, and more than any other poet fixed the attention of foreigners upon America by his ardent songs of her.

"There is no affectation whatever in Whitman's poems. He does not seek to impress by high sounding words and elaborately decorated sentences. It is his own soul he is revealing and endeavoring to portray in the truest and plainest manner possible."

The "Dickinsonian" contains some excellent poetry and we commend the poets for their art of breathing into their verses so much of nature's beauty. The poem entitled, "The Rose's Secret," is especially pleasing in thought and awakens an inspiration in the soul.

The "Lesbian Herald" and "Eatonian" both have excellent exchange columns.

We welcome this month, in addition to the above mentioned, the following exchanges: "Ursinus Bulletin," "Anchor," "S. H. S. Review," "Windmill," "College Folio," "Otterbein Aegis," "The Muhlenberg," "Western Maryland College Monthly," "The Ersckiman," "Mt. Joseph Collegian," "The Comenian," "College Era," "Red and Blue," "Criterion," "The Phoenix," "High School Times."

Naughty little cuss words,  
 "Hang it?" "Darn it?" "Blow?"  
 These and other wuss words  
 Send us down below.—*Ex.*

**Niagara.**

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O. G. MYERS, '00.

Only those who have seen Niagara know what it really is.

Words with all their majesty, rich in abundant metaphor and striking simile cannot paint the picture that charms the eye and fills the soul with wonder. Imagination cannot boast amid its gay creation or with its matchless skill to produce even a faint conception of its power and beauty. Artists have not succeeded in reproducing the beauties of that continued glittering mass which fades from view in the depths below. Well can it be called the wonder of the world.

Over the twin iron bands rolls the iron steed, bellowing forth the smoke from its nostrils, as the race horse on nearing his goal, proudly drawing its load through a country of cloudless beauty.

On gazing out to the right upon a broad and flower-strewn landscape, dazzling in the brightness of its own beauty with its verdure dotted with groves and a thousand springs, and to the left upon the placid waters of the Niagara with its silvery mantle bordered in velvet of moss—one would little think that falls of such a height could be found in a country so level and beautiful as this.

We continue to hasten our course along the river as it ploughs its way by the great forests and through the alternate shades to

that fathomless gulf which shall soon receive its waters.

Suddenly, the words Niagara Falls are caused to resound through the ear by a harsh voice, with assuring confidence, though it is difficult to realize that you are nearing the imperceptible precipice.

Presently a faint sound is heard in the distance, you notice an unevenness on the crystal surface of the water, as of waving fields of grain shaking their golden heads in defiance to the breeze. The sound now grows louder. The waters become disturbed more and more and as you near the scene your curiosity is aroused ; various conceptions arise within your mind ; you become impatient and determine to untwist the fettery chains that tie the hidden soul weighted with untrue pictures and rush to the realistic.

But, suddenly, in peering through the towering trees, a scene comes to you, unlike the morning fog that shields the lord of day from view as he comes forth from his hiding place over the bristling backs of the blue ridge ; unlike the cloud that floats in the pure serene of the heavens ; unlike the sunset when the purple beams radiate so boldly through the evening mists, but as though the crystalline splendor of winter's beauty were perched on an aerial throne, with its hoary head, its dewy brow, and

its rolling fleecy sides towering high above the falls as a warning of impending danger.

The placid waters have now become raging whirlpools with their silvery locks tossed high as if mad-dened by the immediate fate of being hurled to the lowermost part of the gaping ravine.

The sound has now grown to one continuous roar as if all the winds of the earth are thundering forth from their caverns in answer to the god, *Æolus*, or as the innumerable wolves of the forest, bounding forth in search of their stolen young.

We have now come to the falls. We are standing on Prospect Point viewing that aqueous avalanche poured in foaming beauty from the topmost mount as it were, into the depths of the clouds that veil its breast. We see that great semi-circular mass of water, clothed in its frosted spray, clear as the bright noon day, hurled from some powerful hand far out on the rocky bed below. As we stand there, held in solemn silence, gazing upon that inexpressible and soul-stirring scene, thinking of the boundless power and beauty which nature can afford, another feature suddenly attracts our attention, more beautiful than ever painted by artists, more beautiful than ever was seen in the heavens by human beings, down in the very depths of the wide stretching ravine, down beneath the mists caused by the falling waters, frightened to the farther

most point of the sun's searching beams, is a rain-bow reaching from shore to shore, bounding the limits within which the waters must fall.

Farther down below the falls we see the famous Whirlpool Rapids, bounding and rebounding as if determined to free themselves by leaping over their great prison walls, circling their backs and belching forth foam from their great jaws, harmoniously blending the prismatic colors in those dizzy depths. On rolls that raging sea carrying with it its waters until it is finally lost from view in the distance.

Being forcibly impressed with the power and sublimity of Niagara, we are, in reality, led to think of the power and sublimity of the Niagara of life. We see the very fountain of this mighty stream, gradually widening its banks and swelling its volume by its many tributaries. We see it as it commences its existence. We see it as commences to note its passing hours. We think of the heights of happiness to which it may ascend, and the depths of misery to which it may be brought. But as yet its waters are undisturbed and unaffected by impressions. Its soul is without character. It is a rudimental existence, pure as the driven snow, beautiful as the cherub angel, spotless, guileless, innocent. Upon this immortal soul, destined to survive the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds,

flow the brooklets of evil and rivulets of good. Every sentiment that falls upon its surface is reflected and plays in miniature thereon. It is here that the germs of virtue, vice and feeling are first imbedded which determine the character of life. It is here that the first joy, the first failure, the first achievement, the first misadventure, leave their lasting impressions.

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## To the Class of '99.

H. E. SPESSARD.

Sowing, sowing, sowing  
Many precious seeds,  
Giving life a sweetness  
By your noble deeds ;  
Making earth an Eden  
By your bright sunshine,  
Living for the future—  
Class of '99.

Dreaming, dreaming, dreaming  
Of what lies before,  
Waiting for some escort  
At the open door ;  
Crowned with gems and rubies,  
Bowed at Honor's shrine,  
Victors in the contest—  
Class of '99.

Sailing, sailing, sailing,  
Through the balmy breeze,  
O'er the gentle waters  
Of unbounded seas ;  
Gliding gently onward  
Looking for the sign  
Of some blessed omen—  
Class of '99.

Smiling, smiling, joyfully  
Homeward on your way,  
Laughing, laughing, heartily,  
Victors in the fray ;  
Dainty ox-eyed daisies  
'Round your heads entwine,  
Wreath your classic foreheads—  
Class of '99.

Mourning, mourning, mourning  
Through the murmuring breeze,  
Tolls the college curfew  
O'er the weeping trees ;  
Tears that fast are falling  
Swell the mighty brine,  
At the sad departure—  
Class of '99.

Onward, ever onward,  
May your motto be  
Through the ceaseless ages  
Of eternity.  
" Lift your standard higher,"  
Comes the voice divine,  
Worthy sons and daughters,  
Class of '99.

Fighting, fighting, fighting,  
Ever brave and true,  
'Neath the royal banner  
Of the White and Blue ;  
This thy noble precept,  
Be it ever thine,  
" Vincit, qui se vincit,"  
Class of '99.



## Commencement Week.

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY.

The commencement exercises of Lebanon Valley College began on Sunday morning, June 11. The different denominations of the town joined in the service. The college chorus under the direction of Prof.

Oldham, sang the "Te Deum Laudamus," in fine style. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by President Roop. He took for his text Matt. 24:30, "What lack I yet?" He referred to the young ruler as not being willing to make the necessary sacrifice in order that he might enter the Kingdom of God and enjoy eternal life. Christ's injunction amazed and stupefied the young, rich ruler when He said: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor and thou shalt have a treasure in heaven, and come and follow Me." He shrank from the application of the test and went away heavy hearted. When the soul considers and probes the problem of the future, the inquiry, "Good Master, what shall I do?" grows deeper and more serious. There are certain indelible truths imprinted on the soul, the joint operation of which results at last in the production of the sense of the insatiable want.

First. There is the consciousness of immortality. The soul knows that itself shall not die. So much it apprehends before it opens its eyes to look forth from itself upon the world.

Second. Attending this consciousness of the soul's immortality is the further sense that the character of its eternal life is uncertain; that its peace is imperiled. There is a universal fear concern-

ing the fate of the soul in the sphere beyond. No man who soberly contemplates the inevitable continuance of being can rid himself of the profound perplexity as to the course upon which his future life shall run.

Third. Following this sense comes the further consciousness that something must be done to secure eternal life to the welfare of the soul. "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" No man can remain perpetually deaf to the plaintive cries of his own immortal soul, shrinking back with dismay from possible endless doom and calling heroically for relief.

Fourth. But there is yet a deeper consciousness that speaks to the mortal spirit and tells it that, after having all the help that earth can give, that after doing all that human will can accomplish, that even after laying life itself upon the altar of death, the assurance of eternal life is yet ungained. You may take the very tables of Commandments and set them before you to guide your daily practice, and still find room to cry, with unsatisfied heart, "What lack I yet?"

Fifth. And now at length, with the appearance of Christ Jesus before the restless human soul, still another truth springs to the conscious power within. It is the conviction that men must flee to Him if they would find the way everlasting. The heart calls aloud,



REV. HERVIN U. ROOP A. M., PH. D.,  
President Lebanon Valley College.

and the conscience answers to the heart, and both unite to press this conviction upon the mind.

The President then spoke words of admonition to the members of the class and urged them to be faithful Christian men and women and extended his best wishes for success in life.

At 6 o'clock a praise service under the auspices of the Christian Associations was held on the College Campus, led by W. O. Jones.

At 8 o'clock Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered a very excellent sermon, taking for his text Proverbs 4:23. He spoke of the spiritual heart and stated that the heart is that part of man which God asks for Himself. By the heart He estimates man. God regards the heart when we draw nigh to worship Him. We are taught to pray for a new heart. Life is full of significance for those on the eve of graduation. There are two things to know about the heart: I. Know what the heart is. II. How we can keep the heart clean with all diligence. The leading of an upright life, cherishing only pure thoughts, will tend to make the heart clean and the sort of heart God would like us to possess. The sermon was replete with excellent thought and was listened to attentively.

#### CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

On Monday evening, June 12,

the Conservatory concert, under the direction of Prof. Oldham, was the attraction for a music-loving audience. No one present was disappointed in the rendition of the program. The various numbers were greeted with prolonged applause. The concert was one of the best ever held in the College Chapel. The program follows.

Two Piano Quartette—"Marta," *Flotow*  
MARY ZACHARIAS, MARY BARTON,  
MAMIE DEAN, MARY ZIMMERMAN  
Chorus—"Ave Maria," *Mendelssohn*  
LADIES CHORUS.

Piano Solo—Liebstraume, *Liszt*  
MABEL ROYER.

Vocal Duet—"Cheerfulness," *Gumbert*  
EDITH GRABILL, ANNA MYERS.

Piano Duet—Valse, *Lysberg*  
RUTH LESLIE, CLARA VALLERCHAMP.  
Chorus—"Pilgrims," *Wagner*  
GLEE CLUB.

Piano Duet—Tancredi, *Rossini*  
SUSIE MOYER, SUSIE HERR.

Vocal Solo—(a) "The Dreaming Loved  
Visions Are Nigh,"  
(b) The Rosary, *Nevin*  
HATTIE SHELLEY.

Piano Solo—Rhapsodie 12, *Liszt*  
MABEL MANBECK.

Vocal Solo—"Ecstasy," *Arditi*  
LILIE KREIDER.

Two Piano Duet—"Puritani," *Bellini-Berg*  
LENA OWENS, H. OLDHAM.

Vocal Solo—Musica Prohibita, *Gastoldi*  
EDITH GRABILL.

Two Piano Quartette—Awakening of the  
Lion, *DeKontski*  
ARABELLA BATDORF, LENA OWENS,  
ANNA KREIDER, H. OLDHAM.  
Chorus—"Angelus," *Marilana*  
CHORUS CLASS.

#### TUESDAY.

The Board of Trustees met Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Most of the members were present, and all the sessions were characterized by harmony, unanimity of purpose,

and a broadening view of the College's mission and work.

President Roop presented his annual report, stating that entire harmony prevailed in the faculty and the kindest feeling between faculty and students, and suggested a number of needed improvements.

The enrolment for the year was 252, 48 more than last year, and 128 more than two years ago.

This is the second year in the history of the College that the salaries of the teachers have been paid in full from the income from tuition alone. Instead of increasing the debt between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a year, as has been the case for a number of years, there has been a profit of that much. This speaks more effectively for the executive and financial ability of President Roop than fine words.

Steps were taken toward the internal improvement of the building, repapering and repainting of rooms, etc., and toward the raising of 20th century endowment fund.

On motion of President Roop, the Board of Trustees of L. V. C. unanimously petitioned the executive committee of Board of Education to employ at once a General Secretary of Education, who shall devote his entire time and energy to the raising of money, and the edifying of our educational forces and work.

Mr. Norman C. Schlichter, A.B., '97, was elected instructor in

French and English. Mrs. Dr. Roop retires from the faculty. The Board passed the following resolution: "In that Mrs. Pres. Roop has had charge of the department of Voice and Art in L. V. C. for the last two years and now retires at her own request, we, the Trustees, express our hearty appreciation of her valuable services in building up that department of the College, and her ability as an instructor in those arts as evidenced in her pupils on the several occasions when they appeared in public."

The Board also passed a resolution of thanks to Miss Emma L. Landis, A.M., for her valuable work in the Art Department during the past year.

The officers of the Board were re-elected, and the committees re-appointed for the ensuing year.

In the evening the Alumni Association held a public meeting in the College Chapel; Rev. S. C. Enck, of Columbia, Pa., and Rev. S. D. Faust, D.D., of Dayton, O., were the speakers. Their addresses were instructive and entertaining and were listened to with marked attention. Prof. Oldham rendered several piano solos, which received hearty applause. Immediately after the exercises in the Chapel, the annual Alumni banquet was held in the dining hall of the College. A delightful evening was spent in conversation, feasting and song.

## WEDNESDAY.

On Wednesday afternoon the class of '99 held Class Day exercises in the Chapel. A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the Seniors as they entered the Chapel. The exercises proved to be one of the best ever held on similar days. The program contained sufficient fun to counteract the influence of the very sultry day, so that the two hours required in the rendition of the program, passed very rapidly. The program follows :

## Invocation,

President's Address, H. M. Imboden

Essay, Maud Trabert

Original Story, J. P. Batdorf

Trophy Address, J. D. Stehman

Vocal Duet—Ecstasy, G. Alanay  
Edith S. Grabill and Anna Myers.

Reading, Emma R. Batdorf

Class History, H. Howard Hoy

Treasurer's Report, Harry E. Miller

Mute Oration, G. Mahlon Miller

Instrumental Solo—Valse de Concert,  
Susie Herr [Tito Mattei]

Prophecy for the Ladies, W. O. Jones

Prophecy for the Gentlemen,  
Leah C. Hartz

Motto Oration, I. E. Runk

Parody, I. W. Huntzberger

Vocal Solo—The Daisy, Arditi  
Mary E. Kreider

Class Poem, Hattie S. Shelley

Presentation to Junior Class,  
Alma Mae Light

Response, Nora Spayd

Instrumental Solo—Rhapsody Hongroise  
No. 8, Liszt

Caroline D. Seltzer

Presentation to Gentlemen,  
Bess M. Landis

Presentation to Ladies, Galen D. Light

Chalk Talk, C. V. Clippinger

Class Song,

Cremation,

W. G. Clippinger

## CLASS SONG.

Caroline D. Seltzer. Hattie S. Shelley.

Together let us sing today,

A song for '99

And let each heart be blithe and gay

Nor murmur nor repine

Nor old Math. is no longer nigh,

And Latin too is o'er,

We've said to them a fond goodby,

And wish them back no more.

## CHORUS.

For ah, we are the jolly '99's,

And conquerors today in L. V. C.

Around our hearts' fond memory entwines

A garland of the days that used to be.

We're launching out into the tide,

We're sailing down the stream,

Where Faculty does not abide

But wealth and pleasure teem.

We've hung the by-laws on the door

For other folks to see.

And they may add a dozen more

Since we are gone and free.

No more you'll hear us on the stairs,

Or see our faces bright,

And you will miss our chapel prayers

And serenades at night,

But '99's, we shall not part,

Be glad and banish fear

We shall for aye be joined in heart,

Though severed by long years.

We do not care what others say,

We have been angels here

And for the twenty-three today

Shed not a single tear,

For we will always loyal be

To dear old "White and Blue,"

And when afar from L. V. C.

We will to her be true.

In the evening the commencement exercises of the Conservatory of Music were held in the Chapel. The program included some of the leading numbers from well known composers. The exercises called forth appreciative applause. The duet by Mrs. Roop and Miss Hattie Shelley was delightful, as were also the other vocal numbers. The

rendition of the instrumental music by Misses Manbeck and Royer showed their excellent talent and drill. The program:

Piano—"Concertetucke"	Weber
Mabel Royer	
(Orchestral parts on 2d piano, Prof. Oldham.)	
Vocal Duet—"Quis set Homo,"	Rossini
Mrs. H. U. Roop, Hattie Shelley	
Piano—(a) "La Fileuse,"	Raff
(b) "At Evening,"	Seiss
(c) "Faust Waltz,"	Gounod-Liszt
Mabel Manbeck	
Vocal Solo—"Happy Days,"	Strelezki
Anna Kreider	
(Violin Obligato, Fred Light.)	
Piano—(a) Andante and Allegro, Op. 13,	Beethoven
(b) "Spring Song,"	Henselt
(c) Novelette in F,	Schumann
Mabel Royer	
Vocal Quintette—"Legends"	Mohring
Lillie Kreider, Edith Grabill, Anna	
Myers, Hattie Shelley	
Piano—Concerto in G Min., Mendelssohn	
Mabel Manbeck	
(Orchestral part on 2d piano, Prof. Oldham.)	
Conferring of Diplomas,	
President H. U. Roop	

#### THURSDAY.

The thirty-third annual commencement of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, was held in the Chapel, on Thursday morning, June 15. The rostrum was neatly decorated with palms; the graduates were attired in the Oxford cap and gown. Music was furnished by Prof. Nagle's Orchestra, of Lebanon. Rev. H. Wayland Hoyt, D.D., of Philadelphia, delivered the commencement oration, which was a very able production abounding with gems of thought.

The members of the class prepared theses as follows: "Rome and America's Future," Miss Emma Batdorf; "The College Man in Business," John P. Batdorf; "The Human Brain; its Friends and Foes," Clarence V. Clippinger; "The Grandeur of Patience," Miss Edith S. Grabill; "Reforms and the Unquiet Sex," Miss Leah C. Hartz; "Municipal Government," Miss Susie F. Herr; "The Hidden Millions," Miss Bess M. Landis; "Our Dying Century," Miss Alma Mae Light; "Historical Forces," Galen D. Light; "The Primitive Church," G. Mahlon Miller; "The Pride of Italy," Miss Anna S. Myers; "Planetary Evolution," Irvin E. Runk; "Music in Education," Miss Caroline D. Seltzer; "The Heart of Nature," Miss Hattie S. Shelley; "The Dignity of Life," Miss Maud Trabert; "The Immortality of the Soul," Walter G. Clippinger; "Man, Nature and Destiny," H. H. Hoy; "What Teaching as a Profession Demands of the Teacher," I. W. Huntzberger; "The Influence of the Church Upon Feudalism," Harry M. Imboden; "The Scientific Use of the Imagination," W. O. Jones; "Influence of Greek Art Upon Civilization," Miss Mary E. Kreider; "Beginnings of the Beginning," Harry E. Miller; "The College Man in the Church," "The Contents of the Animal's Mind," L. E. McGinnes.

In the evening the Senior reception was given in the Ladies' Hall. The many guests present expressed their opinion that this reception was a fitting close of one of the most memorable and successful commencement weeks in the history of L. V. C.



### Class Poem.

HATTIE SPANGLER SHELLEY, '99.

Not to sound the plaudits of mighty men  
Whose valiant deeds are done,  
Not to picture war, with its tragic scenes,  
Nor to tell of laurels won,  
Not to whisper the Roman or classic  
Greek,  
Nor the days of the olden time,  
Not to revel in science, in music, in art,  
Have I written this simple rhyme.  
  
Not to tell of a Beecher, a Garfield, a  
Grant,  
Or remember a Lincoln true,  
Not to tell you of Picket, of fearless Lee,  
Nor to bring back a Webster to you;  
I would not awaken the slumbering past,  
Oh, No! Be the pleasure mine,  
To honor and tell of the matchless worth,  
Of the Class of Ninety-nine.  
  
Oh, I love to tell of the Ninety-nines,  
For their hearts are as true as steel,  
And their aims in life are lofty aims,  
Which the future alone can reveal,  
They have come through the burdensome  
years of the past,  
Undaunted through peril and strife,  
To the coveted goal, where you greet  
them today,  
In this, their bright morning of life.  
  
Oh, I love to tell of the Ninety-nines,  
Because of the wealth that they hold,  
The earned wealth of wisdom, of knowl-  
edge, of truth,

Which is better than millionaires' gold.  
Because they are men who will honor the  
State,  
Wherever in life they may roam,  
Because they are women, whose pure  
lives will keep,  
Untarnished, the altars of home.  
  
Oh, I love to tell of those early days,  
When as little Freshmen green,  
You jeered at those awkward country  
ways,  
And smiled, that you were not seen,  
But who jeers today at the old Ninety-  
nine,  
Let him hide his face in shame,  
For he knows not the cost or the sacrifice,  
Ere each to this honor came.  
He knows not the hours of earnest toil  
Concealed in the vaults of the past,  
Nor the strength of the hand, that must  
cling to the rope,  
Ere the flag he unfurled from the mast,  
Oh, if you will smile let it be full of cheer,  
Which never forgotten will be,  
Perhaps it were better to utter a prayer—  
A prayer for the old twenty-three!  
For the old twenty-three need a smile and  
a prayer,  
To cheer them down life's busy way,  
For life will not always be stranger to  
care,  
As it is on this balmy June day,  
And whether folks think of the good they  
have done,  
Or only of faults that entwine,  
Or whether they hope to forget every one,  
Matters not to the old Ninety-nine.  
  
They have now closed their volume of  
"Old College Days,"  
Its gladnesses written with tears,  
And laid it away on the shelf of the past,  
To be clothed in the dust of the years.  
Oh, say, when the eagle of earned Fame  
will sore,  
And perch upon each lofty brow,  
Will memory unveil this same picture to  
you,

And will you remember as now?  
 Oh, Ninety-nines, on this balmy June day,  
 I'm proud to be numbered with you,  
 And help bear the banner, which floats overhead,  
 The banner of White and of Blue,  
 Fain would I now stay the sad tears that steal,  
 So silently into my heart,  
 And fain would I turn from the echoing words,  
 "Old Ninety-nines, now we must part."  
 Each gentle sigh of the whispering spring breeze,  
 That kisses the bud and sweet flower,  
 Each warbling note from the song bird's throat,  
 As it sounds from yon shadowy bower,  
 Methinks now is mingled with sad, tender strains,  
 Which tingle each deep, hidden chord,  
 That long has lain rusting within our own hearts,  
 And banishes clash of the sword.  
 But, old Ninety-nines, in the days that are gone,  
 We have ever been peaceful and kind,  
 And today no dark blot mars the pages so white,  
 Of the book we are leaving behind—  
 No more will we revel at banquet or game,  
 Or with friendly talk lighten each brow,  
 No more will we mingle our old college songs,  
 These must all live in memory now.  
 'Tis strange that old time should so cruelly now,  
 Try to sever the warm friendships made,  
 Oh, why must it be that we part Ninety-nine?  
 Oh, why could we not be delayed?  
 You will go far away, we shall not meet again,  
 As we are here today, twenty-three,

I pray that each life may be fraught with much good,  
 And bring honor to old L. V. C.  
 Ah, let us be noble, and prove to the world,  
 That our living has not been in vain,  
 Ah, let us not flinch at the stars that may fall,  
 Ah, let us not quiver at pain,  
 If the hour be soon, or the hour be late,  
 Oh, Father, may this will be Thine,  
 To gather, at last, to Thyself, some sweet day,  
 Every one of the class—"Ninety-nine."



### Athletics.

On Saturday evening, May 27, an entertainment for the benefit of the athletic association was given in the College Chapel. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—*Valse Chromatique*, *Godard*  
 Miss Lena Owens.  
 Recitation, Miss Hattie Shelley  
 Solo, Mrs. Roop  
 Tableau (*Athletics Illustrated*), O. G. Myers

Trio, Mrs. Roop, Misses Shelley and Myers  
*Saratoga Chips*.

Recitation, Miss Emma Batdorf  
 Pantomime, Miss Shelley  
 Violin Solo, Claude Engle

A colored jury trial, consisting of the following characters:

Judge Beeswing,	G. Mahlon Miller
Lawyer Skinum,	Cyrus Waughtel
Lawyer Fleece,	Harry Yohe
Prisoner,	C. E. Raudabush
Officer,	D. M. Oyer
Foreman of Jury,	Wm. Sanders
Clerk of Court,	Rene Burtner
	And a jury of twelve men.

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### EDITORIALS.

JUNE is here. The anticipated rest from study is ours. Many of us will return to L. V. C. again next September in order to continue the work we have begun.

Let us not forget that a genuine vacation does not consist of idleness but in change. The wise student will not permit vacation to pass without improving himself mentally as well as physically. Many students complain that they do not have time to read while at college. A carefully prepared list of books to be read should be one of our vacation recreations.

As we are turning over the leaf of the old year let us profit by our

past mistakes and prepare to greet the new year with an increased vigor and determination to make the most of our college course.

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WE measure our strength not by what we have learned, but by the discipline of mind acquired. Every study mastered means the addition of power to our mental mechanism. Mental power exists in the degree of unison in which the powers of the mind perform their work. Every student, as he faces the questions which arise during his college career is acquiring or losing power for the problems of life, acquiring, if in each undertaking he pushes thro to the end, losing, if after the beginning of the work he leaves it undone. As we look back upon our past year in College we can not help remembering the times when our indifference gained the mastery. But at the same time we see the fields of labor and study, where with earnest effort we added strength to our minds.

No one can acquire skill in the use of his mind without labor. As the long bloody years of toil marches, privations, and fighting are the making of the veteran. So the hard, earnest, persistent toil of years will culminate in a well rounded and disciplined mind.

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IN every sphere of life, particularly, in the business realm, there

are those who ignore a college education as a waste of time and, especially, the study of languages. There was a time when the study of the latter was not so much a necessity, since the intercourse among nations was very much limited. At present, however, the people of different nationalities are becoming more closely united by the various interests with which they are characterized, and this in turn begets a need of the knowledge of their languages. The closer associations are brought about by international expositions, the conveniences of travel, and the requirements of traffic. The three languages that should be studied by the business man are German, French, and Spanish. The most important and useful one of these three to the American is the German, since the Germans greatly outnumber the foreign born citizens of any other nationality and in many places cling to their mother tongue; even if they can talk the English, they will desire their own language as the medium of conversation.

The French is next in importance and is known by nearly all the educated people of Europe. It is very essential to the American sight-seer and traveller on European soil.

The Spanish, the speech of nearly one-half the people on the Western Hemisphere, will in time to come be very essential for the transaction

of business in American manufactured products. No business man should ignore it if he has any interest in South American trade. No more profitable recreation can be taken than the study of these three modern languages by the American business man.



### The Real Difference.

A. C. T. SUMNER, '02.

Paradoxical as this statement may seem, it yet remains true that the world is a regular whole, made up of irregularities. Its solid element is composed of irregular-shaped continents, islands and other divisions of land on which we find the great sturdy oak that scorns a tempest and weak grasses that cannot endure a moderate gust; here volcanoes and mountains piercing high into the clouds, there glens, caves and chasms of gloomy depths. Its liquid part consists of oceans, seas, bays, rivers and other aquatic bodies of one shape and another. Yet these differences and want of uniformity combine to make our world one harmonious whole.

We find also in the human world a motley mass of regularities and irregularities, composed of five principal races dwelling in different quarters of the globe, each with manners and customs adapted to itself. Observe one nation and you find a marked difference between its people; some you find seated on

the ladder of fame, others struggling in the dust of obscurity ; here those possessed of this world's goods, yonder those dying for want of bread. Let us come nearer. Look at your own family and you will see vast differences between its several members. One man differs from another when there is the nearest and most striking resemblance, and in so much that it would be impossible to find in the whole world two persons who are the same in appearance and possessed of equal intelligence. These differences between man and man only make him a subject worthy of careful study. Says one, "The proper study of mankind is man."

There are a thousand and one ways in which men and things differ from each other. We might speak of the natural difference or that which exists in the natural make-up of animate beings and things; also of the social, moral and physical differences. These are subject to changes according to attendant circumstances. But the greatest and real difference between man and the lower creation is the mind; take this away if possible from the greatest living man this moment and what remains? It was this that moved Dr. Watts to say :

"Had I an arm to reach the skies,  
Or grasp the ocean in a span,  
I'd not be measured by my size,  
The mind's the standard of the man."

The mind then forms the basis

of difference between man and man, and it increases or diminishes in proportion as it is cultivated or abused.

The second fundamental principle in mathematics teaches us that the difference is equal to the greater number minus the lesser, and the more the lesser number is increased, the lesser becomes the difference, and when the lesser number becomes so big as to equal the greater number there could be no difference. The same principles hold true in finding the real difference between men, which we have said lies in the mind.

For the sake of convenience, let us represent as a minuend or standard a well-rounded developed mind; as the subtrahend, the education one receives up to the time he graduates from college; and the mind in its uncultivated state, the difference: then it follows that the once undeveloped mind enlarged by the education received at college, can make a well-rounded man just as the difference and subtrahend must give the minuend; and the more we "drink deep the Pierian stream" and put to practice what we learned at college, the nearer we approach the true standard of manhood and womanhood until we shall enter the portals where "we shall know as we are known," just as the more the subtrahend is increased the nearer it approaches the minuend. This

principle is true in every vocation in life.

Do I hear any one say it is color that makes the difference? Then were each member of the fair race a great man. Do you say wealth? Then were Solomon and Croesus of ancient times, and the Vanderbilts, the Rothschilds and the Goulds of our own day the greatest men the world ever produced. You would not say royal descent makes the real difference; for then were all the kings and queens, emperors and empresses and other royal potentates of Europe, as also the presidents of republics those to whom the world owes its present state. But this is not the case.

What raises one man to the pinnacle of fame and sends another down into obscurity? Homer, Demosthenes, Pythagoras, Socrates, Aristotle, Cicero, Horace, Virgil and other great men of antiquity—what was the real difference between them and other men of their own times who were hardly known outside of their gates, but more mind in the former and less in the latter. What is the real difference between a savage African and a civilized and christianized African? A cultivated mind and heart in the one, in the other a dark untutored mind.

What is the real difference between America today and America fifty or one hundred years ago? Is it not the broader and deeper

mind she has in science, art and religion today than years gone by? The real difference between a man and a man, a nation and a nation, is the possession of a sound mind in the one, and an imbecile mind in the other.

Truly is it said that "the mind is the seat of character and of conscious and spiritual life, the source of conduct, of tact, and the thousand qualities that make us what we are; the home of memory, the ultimate governor and ruler of all actions and functions of the body, and in every way a most important factor in our psychical and physical life."

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**Success the Reward of Genius and Effort.**

W. G. CLIPPINGER, '99.

Many young men and women emerging from college cherish the fond yet delusive hope that their future career will be guided by some magic star, and that their fortune will be carved by some talismanic inborn influence. Ere long they find to their great discouragement, which amounts at times to despondency, that these fondly cherished hopes vanish into airy nothingness and they awaken to the sterner truth that genius is a blessing bestowed upon but few and that diligent effort alone is the stepping stone to success.

It is a priceless boon to any

young man or woman to have what is commonly known as genius, but strength of character as manifested in singleness and earnestness of purpose, when coupled with genius, form the *summum bonum* in the formation of character.

Genius is not a commodity to be bought and sold, neither is success an article of exchange which a man may barter as gold or silver. Genius is inborn, success comes of hard and honest toil. Genius is the free gift bestowed upon us by Mother Nature; success is the reward of diligence. Genius is something to be grateful for; success is something to be proud of. Successward is the watchword of true men of genius as well as the man not so richly endowed. The combined effect of genius and honest effort is what makes great men.



#### The Philokosmian Anniversary.

The thirty-second anniversary of the Philokosmian Literary Society of Lebanon Valley College was held in the College Chapel on the evening of May 5, 1899.

The eager and expectant audience that had gathered in the Chapel long before the opening of the exercises, greeted the performers with hearty applause as they marched in, to the strains of Sousa's "Charlatan," and took their places on the rostrum.

After the invocation by Rev.

George Hartman, the president of the society, I. W. Huntzberger, made the opening address. It was enthusiastic and full of the spirit of Philokosmianism. He clearly set forth the significance of the shield, and the colors—gold, blue and white—with which it is emblazoned, and begged that every member of the society endeavor to preserve untarnished their escutcheon.

The first oration was delivered by Harry Miles Imboden, of the class of '99. His subject, "Theoretical Coal," was one requiring careful consideration and thorough research. In his oration he discussed the probable formation of coal, and the action of the various agencies producing it. Great praise is due Mr. Imboden for the way in which he acquitted himself.

Clarence Victor Clippinger, also a member of the class of '99, was the next orator. The title of his oration was "Liquid Air." He explained the process of its manufacture and then proceeded to tell of the various ways in which it could be used. From a scientific standpoint Mr. Clippinger's oration was a credit to himself and the school he represents.

"Alexander Hamilton" was the subject of a eulogy delivered by Thomas F. Miller, '01. He spoke of Hamilton as a citizen, as a statesman, and as a financier. As a fitting ending he spoke of the rever-

ence and respect due him, and the esteem in which his name should be held by his countrymen.

Mr. A. C. T. Sumner, of Bonthe, Africa, a member of the class of '02, read an essay entitled, "The Real Difference." His able and instructive paper was much appreciated by the audience.

The honorary orator was Reno S. Harp, '89. His good thought and graceful delivery held the undivided attention of his hearers. His subject, "The Flag and the Cross," was one that is intensely interesting to us at this period of our country's history. The main thought of his discourse was that wherever the "Stars and Stripes" have made their way, there should the American people make an attempt to plant the cross.

At the conclusion of the literary program the members and friends of the society adjourned to the Ladies' Hall, where the annual Philo reception was held. Ice cream, cake, and lemonade were served. The exercises of the evening were very enjoyable throughout.

Nagle's orchestra, of Lebanon, furnished the music for the literary program, and also the concert at the reception.

The program was as follows:

March—Charlatan,	<i>Sousa</i>
Invocation.	
President's Address, I. W. Huntzberger	
Overture—Tancred,	<i>J. Rossini</i>

Oration—Theoretical Coal,	H. M. Imboden
Oration—Liquid Air, C. V. Clippinger	
Caprice—Unter den Linden, <i>Eilenberg</i>	
Eulogy—Alexander Hamilton,	Thomas F. Miller
Essay—The Real Difference,	Alfred T. Sumner
Flute Solo—Frog and Nightingale,	<i>Eilenberg</i>
Ex-Philo Oration—The Flag and the Cross,	Reno S. Harp
March—Commodore,	<i>F. Nagle</i>



#### Y. M. C. A.

College Secretary, Mr. Loper, visted our association May 14, and in the evening gave an interesting and profitable talk to the young men on the importance of thorough Bible study, and also the necessity of sending a man to Northfield.

New methods are being taken for the coming year to have thorough and spiritual training in the bible-class, which will in all probability be conducted by Prof. Spangler, whose personal magnetism and deep spirituality has led so many of the young men into a more consecrated living for the master.

The chairmen of the different committees have been appointed, and will do all in their power to advance the association work in all its different departments.

A strenuous effort is being made to solicit funds to send the proper man to Northfield for training in the Bible study department. We

earnestly beg the solicitation of all our friends to help in this good work.

During the past year the association was blessed with but a few conversions; but the silent influence of consecrated men have led those, who were not active in the association work, to know Christ and to live a true and consecrated life before their fellowmen.



#### Y. W. C. A.

Since May 7, the Y. W. C. A. has been working in a manner different from heretofore. A systematic study of the Bible, under the guidance of Miss Wolfe, a member of the faculty, has been adopted, and the time of meeting has been changed to Sunday morning, immediately following breakfast.



#### Among the Societies.

##### PHILOKOSMIAN.

*Esse Quam Videri.*

J. W. ESBENSHADE, '02, EDITOR.

We are glad to note that the last month of the collegiate year has been one of eminent success for the Philo. society.

Of the meetings held during the month, three deserve special mention.

On May 19 an impromptu program was rendered by the society.

It was very interesting, some of the performers ministering very much to the mirthfulness of those present. There was a grand display of the society's musical talent on that occasion.

On the following Friday evening the Philos had a very interesting session with the Clios.

The Seniors were entertained with a special program in their honor, on Friday evening, June 2. With true Senior dignity, and in full uniform, they entered the hall and occupied seats reserved for them. The following program was rendered:

Ode to the Seniors,	W. S. Roop
Solo,	S. D. Kauffman
Address—"The Seniors Ten Years After Commencement,"	

C. W. Waughtel
Trio—H. E. Spessard, D. M. Oyer, O. G. Myers.

Address—"Senior Dignity," H. H. Baish Recitation,	T. F. Miller
Sextette—S. D. Kauffman, H. E. Spessard, D. M. Oyer, S. F. Daugherty, W. S. Roop, O. G. Myers.	

Debate—Resolved, That more benefit is derived from attending the smaller colleges than from attending the larger ones.
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Aff., C. E. Snone, S. F. Daugherty.
Neg., H. L. Eichinger, A. C. T. Sumner.
Adjournment.

Miss Shelley very beautifully responded for the Seniors, thanking the society for the program rendered.

Besides the Seniors, there were present as visitors on that occasion, Mrs. H. L. Eichinger, Misses

Spayd, Buffington, Loos, Daniel, and Vallerchamp.

The annual election was held recently and resulted in the election of D. M. Oyer as treasurer, and H. H. Baish as librarian. C. E. Snoke was elected editor-in-chief of the FORUM, to fill the unexpired term of I. E. Runk, resigned.

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*Palma non sine Pulvere.*

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R. D. BURTNER, '00, EDITOR.

During the past year the society has been growing and spreading in every direction.

Since the last number of the FORUM was published Mr. Claud Engle, whose father is erecting the new music hall, has joined the Kalos.

Some new apparatus has lately been placed in the gymnasium, and we expect more to be added next fall, in order that this branch of athletics may be thoroughly enjoyed by every student.

Every member, as he grasps the hands of his Kalo brethren in parting, is fused with the determination to come back next fall and work to make next year the most successful of any previous year of the Kalozetean Literary Society.

Alumni Notes.

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Norman C. Schlichter, '97, recently delivered two lectures on literature, his favorite study, in the College Chapel. They were very much appreciated. He was elected by the Board of Trustees to fill the chair of French and English at its meeting on June 13.

Reno S. Harp, '89, delivered a masterly oration on "The Flag and the Cross," at the Philokosmian anniversary on May 5th. He also gave a toast on "The College of the Future and the Relation of the Alumni to It," at the annual Alumni meeting.

Jay W. Yohe, '98, pastor of the Fifth U. B. Church, York, Pa., is succeeding very well in his pastorate. The church is to be enlarged in the near future.

Raymond P. Doughtery, '97, Professor of Natural Science in Avalon College, was called east on account of the death of his father. He visited the College, and led chapel services.

Dr. S. D. Faust, '89, was present at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, and addressed the Alumni meeting. While in our midst he was very active in the interests of the U. B. Seminary.

S. C. Enck, '91, addressed the annual Alumni meeting on the subject "Inter-dependence."

Rev. John E. Kleffman, '89, of Gettysburg, Pa., attended the sessions of the Board of Trustees for the first time as a member, having only been recently elected by the Pennsylvania Conference.

Howard E. Enders, '97, arrived at the College on June 4th, from Iron City, Mich., where he was teaching.

Chas. B. Wingerd, '97, is in the east, having attended the U. B. Seminary during the past year.

John R. Geyer, '98, is a law student with John Fox, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Wm. H. Kreider, '94, and wife, are visiting the former's parents in Annville.

Urban H. Hershey, '95, student in N. Y. College of Music, is spending his vacation at his home in Manheim, Pa.

John H. Maysilles, '95, employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, attended the Commencement exercises.

Among those that were present at the Commencement exercises were the following: G. A. Ulrich, '97; G. K. Hartman, '94; O. E. Good, '94; Ruth Mumma, '96; Katharine P. Mumma, '92; Estelle Stehman, '96; Bessie Kinports, '98; Stella K. Sargent, '98; Ella N. Black, '96; H. G. Henry, '96; C. J. Barr, '82; G. A. Wolf, '81, and W. H. Washinger, '91.

#### Social Events.

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One of the society events of the College for the year was the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kreider, to the Senior class, Thursday evening, June 1, in honor of their daughter, Mary.

At 6.30 the class was invited to the spacious dining room to surround a table on which were served the most delicious viands. The table decorations were ferns, mosses, and daisies, the class flower, arranged to represent "Class '99." Overhead from the chandelier to each corner of the room, the class colors, maroon and white, were beautifully draped. At the close of the sumptuous repast, W. G. Clippinger, toast master, rose, and after a few prefatory remarks, introduced Miss Carrie Seltzer, who delivered an original poem as a toast to "The Absent Ones, the Faculty." Mr. H. M. Imboden then toasted to "The Happy Days of Yore." Mr. Mahlon Miller spoke of "Taking Care of Number One." Finally the toast to Host and Hostess was offered by Mr. Galen Light. The party enjoyed the remainder of the evening by indulging in social games and music.

On Friday evening, June 9, President and Mrs. Roop gave the annual reception to the Seniors, at their home on College Avenue. The graduating classes of the College and the Conservatory of

Music, Bishop and Mrs. E. B. Kephart, Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Eshelman, the Faculty, and Misses Keller and Roop were in attendance. President and Mrs. Roop, Misses Wolfe and Roop acted as reception committee. A beautiful souvenir, called the "Flower Wedding," was presented to each guest. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, and strawberries, were served in splendid style.

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**Personals.**

Mr. W. G. Clippinger, who was teaching a summer normal school at Orrstown, has returned, and will graduate with the class of '99.

I. E. Runk preached at Avon, Sunday evening, May 21. Among his hearers were Misses Spayd and Daniel.

Miss Sarah Roop has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Daugherty, on College Avenue.

O. G. Myers spent Sunday, May 21, with E. M. Balsbaugh, at his home near Derry.

The College quartet, composed of Messrs. S. D. Kauffman, C. V. Clippinger, H. E. Spessard and W. S. Roop, with H. L. Eichinger as elocutionist, gave a very successful entertainment at Duncannon on Saturday evening, May 20.

President Roop preached at Oberlin, Sunday, May 21.

Mr. A. L. House was called home during the month to attend the funeral of his brother.

Prof. Fisher and family, of Maryville, Tennessee, were visitors at Prof. Lehman's for a few weeks.

Misses Shelton and Dysart, of Shippensburg, spent several days at College as guests of Miss Susie Moyer.

Prof. Spangler preached in the U. B. Church at Hummelstown, Sunday, April 30, and at Chambersburg, Sunday, May 21.

Dr. Roop delivered the memorial address on the Mt. Annville cemetery to a large and patriotic audience.

Miss Carrie Smith, former instructor of music, spent several days with friends at College.

C. A. Sollenberger attended the Y. P. C. U. convention at Reading, as fraternal delegate from the Pennsylvania Conference Branch.

Miss Emma Loose and R. R. Butterwick were compelled to quit study before the end of the term on account of illness.

We are glad to note the recovery of Prof. Daugherty, who has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of illness.

Rev. H. S. Jenanyan, president of the Apostolic Institute, Asia Minor, Tarsus and Iconium, paid a visit to the College on June 9.



HERBERT OLDHAM, F. S. Sc., L. C. M.,  
Director Lebanon Valley College Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. H. B. Roop spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Daugherty.

Prof. Oldham is making arrangements with a first-class violin, mandolin and guitar teacher to take charge of that department at the opening of the Conservatory next September.

The true college spirit was manifested in the gift of Mrs. A. L. Hummel, of Hummelstown, who presented to the college library forty-four bound volumes of Harper's, Scribner's, Lippincott's and Medical Magazines.

Rev. M. Rhoads, D.D., of St. Louis, Mo., was a delightful visitor at Chapel services, May 23. In response to the President's request after conducting the devotions he addressed the student body. Though he was very brief, yet his address was filled with profound thought and enlivened with the most sparkling wit. His leading thought was: "Get some great thought from God and carry it with you in your life. Faith in God is the supreme qualification in any student's life. Lofty conceptions of our abilities lead to ruin. Only when we see what insignificant beings we really are and what great possibilities are before us, can we attain to the highest success in our achievements."

Dr. Rhoads was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Kreider.

President Roop, on June 3, delivered the address to the graduating class of the high school, Macungie, Pa.



#### Exchanges.

We welcome to our exchange list this month the "Phœnix." It has several articles worthy of praise, and especially the one entitled, "King Lear."

It is not the current opinion that college journals should be full to overflowing with sentimental love stories, but when such stories as those we find in "The Jabberwock" present themselves to us we cannot help but congratulate the editors' efforts in securing such articles and also the literary ability of their authors.

The stories show that easy simple style, and a knowledge of nature in general which can not but carry the reader's anxious mind into the pleasing, pure, beautiful and good.

The story in the "High School Student" entitled "The Rose" is among the best. We know of but few story writers in our exchanges who have set forth in their articles such imaginative power as is characteristic of the author of this story.

The article entitled "The Minstrel" in the "Red and Blue" is worthy of mention.

We find in "The Otterbein Aegis" an article well worth every student's time to read. We quote the following paragraph, which can give but a faint shadow of the glowing sentiment and truth of the whole article. The title is "The Relation of Art to Morality."

"But art contains another element more potent perhaps than any in nature; it is the human element. The loves, the hates, the successes and the defeats, the joys and the sorrows and all the passions of the human heart enter into art. These qualities appeal more to the sympathy and to our sense of the common brotherhood of humanity than does the absolute beauty and the elements of the sublime, the infinite and the eternal which are displayed in nature. The great influence which art wields over the human soul makes it either one of the strongest allies or one of the bitterest enemies of morality."



#### Niagara.

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O. G. MYERS, '00.

(Continued from May number.)

These impressions continue to become more and more numerous until the narrow basin of its source has become one vast territory. Year by year, its branches have continued to grow in numbers forming one great sea which gives us better knowledge of the might and power stored beneath its calm

brow, just as the placid waters of the earthly stream were found in the plain before opportunity was given to display its reserve energy.

We watch it closely as it pushes its way silently and persistently like the tiniest daffodil in spring, which raises the clod and thrusts it aside by the simple persistence of growing. Surely we can say the course of this stream has been directed by good influence.

On flows the tide through vales of sunshine, glowing with tempting fruits, under the rainbows of hope until it reaches the mountains of difficulties.

Suddenly, we notice that its surface becomes roughened and that more and more as it falls upon the reefs of trials and temptations. They determine to divert its course but the noble habits have made deep impressions upon the brain of its source. They have been formed in its infancy as it were, and strengthened as it glides through the many years of its existence. As a result they are unable to burst through its firm walls and ramble in the plains of allurement, just as the raging rapids of this great ravine were enabled to overflow its mighty walls and destroy nature's surrounding beauty. It is hastily carried on by the force of its momentum through all times of trials and temptations, discouragements and disappointments, to the harbor of eternal rest, when the golden

evening clouds rest sweetly and invitingly upon the mountains and the light of heaven streams down through the gathering mists of eternity.

So let us all sail our ship on our Niagara of Life, ever standing at the helm with ready hand and watchful eye that we may shun the destructive breakers and shoals and be permitted peaceful and joyous entrance into that world of blessedness where we shall hear the soothing voice, bidding us welcome.

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Welcome thou most free,  
Welcome, with words yet fonder,  
Welcome from Niagara's sea.

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